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## Shi'ite cleric arrested

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Nov 19, (Agencies): Government officials in Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates refused to comment today on a report from a human rights group that a leading Shi'ite cleric has been arrested in the UAE.

Lebanese Shi'ite sources claimed the cleric was later killed. The committee for civil rights in the Gulf states said in a statement released in London yesterday that Sayed Abdulla Al Ghuraffi was arrested in Dubai on Tuesday, Nov 15 and handed over to Bahrain.

The statement said Al Ghuraffi, 50, was a Bahraini subject who immigrated to Dubai in 1976, where he became the imam at the Imam Ali Mosque and was also employed in the government religious endowments department.

Dr Mohammed Abdulla, who signed the statement, said in an interview that Al Ghuraffi's arrest came after he gave a sermon in the Imam Ali Mosque in which he criticized the Dubai government for allegedly banning all books by or about Shi'ites from an Arabic book fair there.

Lebanese Shi'ite religious sources said that they received information that Al Ghuraffi was abducted on Tuesday.

"We received information he was later killed," said one Shi'ite source in Beirut.

## Rival parties clash in Pakistan

# 1 dead, 52 wounded in provincial polls

From Ashraf Shah in Karachi

SUPPORTERS of rival candidates in Pakistan's provincial elections fought yesterday using guns, daggers and sticks, leaving one person dead and at least 52 injured.

Troops in full battle gear and armed police restored order at several places in the country where fighting broke out between hundreds of rival voters casting ballots in elections for four provincial assemblies.

In one incident in southern Sind province, police opened fire to disperse groups of women, some wearing the traditional black burkha coveralls required by Islam, began fist fights in which five people were injured.

The main contenders in the elections for governments in Sind, Punjab, North West Frontier Province and Baluchistan provinces are Benazir's Pakistan People's Party and the government-backed Islamic Democratic Alliance, a nine-party government-backed coalition.

Turnout during the provincial elections appeared to be well down from the 50 per cent of 48 million eligible voters who cast ballots in Wednesday's general elections.

### Results

The Election Commission announced some results last night.

With only 59 results in from various constituencies in Punjab, PPP had won 33 and IDA 17. Nine independent candidates had also won a place in the provincial assembly.

In Sind, the fight was mainly between PPP and MQM. PPP had won 19 seats out of the 20 results announced with one going to an independent candidate. MQM was leading in 20 Karachi constituencies and was also ahead in a number of seats in Hyderabad.

In a major upset, Chief Minister of Sind Akhtar Ali Kazi was defeated. Mumtaz Bhutto also lost in a Sind constituency.

In the North-West Frontier Province, a close fight was taking place between ANP and PPP. Both the parties had won four seats each with two being taken by JUI.

Former NWFP governor Fazle Haq lost in two constituencies and was trailing badly in the third. He is contesting from four places.

In Lahore, Nawaz Sharif's brother Shahbaz gained a place in the Punjab assembly by defeat-

ing a PPP candidate.

Widespread support for the PPP in the regional polls could help back the 35-year-old Benazir's claim to become the first woman leader of a Muslim nation.

Results from the National Assembly polls, the first democratic elections since 1977, showed the PPP with the largest number of seats in the National Assembly, but lacking an overall majority.

Official results from 215 of 217, contests for National Assembly seats gave 98 to the PPP, and 57 to the IDA.

A senior aide reported differences among PPP leaders over whether to follow protocol and wait for the President to call, or to proclaim herself prime minister. Benazir was scheduled to travel to Islamabad early today.

Clashes erupted at polling stations in at least five towns and cities across the country yesterday.

In Multan, 450 miles (750 km) north of the southern port of Karachi, independent witnesses said IDA supporters armed with rocks, knives and pistols attacked a PPP voter registration camp. Fighting ensued at three places in the city in which police said at least 40 people were injured.

Three polling stations were also set on fire before police used tear gas and baton charges to restore order. Clashes in another town in Punjab province left two injured.

### Pledge

In North West Frontier Province, officials said one person was killed in Mardan and five injured in the border city of Peshawar. Five women were injured in fist fights in Kotri, 70 miles (120 km) north of Karachi, between PPP supporters and those of the rival ethnic Mohajir Qaumi Movement.

Meanwhile, Benazir vowed in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation today not to seek revenge against the leaders of the government of late President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq for the execution of her father, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

"I don't believe in a vendetta," she said. "Our message is national reconciliation."

The elder Bhutto was overthrown in a 1977 coup by Zia, then Army Chief-of-Staff, and hanged two years later for the murder of a political opponent despite international appeals to the President for clemency.

In Kuwait, the Pakistan People's Club president Afzal Noor congratulated Benazir.

## PPP ahead in Sind and Punjab



A conservative Muslim woman, holding the edge of her veil in her mouth to hide her face from strangers, casts her vote in Pakistani provincial elections. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Benazir to be asked to form government soon

Arab Times report

PAKISTAN People's Party leader Benazir Bhutto will soon be invited by President Ghulam Ishaq Khan to form a new government, reliable sources have said, in Karachi.

The sources told the Arab Times that Benazir has the support of 13 members belonging to its former MRD partners and Baluchistan National Alliance.

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Though Sharif claimed he will be able to gain the support of the majority of newly-elected assembly members, IDA faces an uphill task.

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## Tamil rebels fail to halt local elections

TRINCOMALEE, Sri Lanka, Nov 19, (Agencies): Tamil separatist guerrillas attacked troops and civilians in east Sri Lanka today in an attempt to disrupt controversial local council elections, military sources said.

But many voters defied a boycott call by the Tamil rebels and Sinhalese extremists and went to the polls, said Lieutenant General A.S. Kalkat, commander of Indian troops on the island.

Most polling booths in the three eastern districts of Batticaloa, Trincomalee and Ampara opened about an hour later than scheduled because officials were reluctant to take their posts following threats from the rebels, officials said.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and Sinhalese radicals, the People's Liberation Front, had called a strike in the region and warned people not to vote.

The LTTE and the Front both

oppose last year's India-Sri Lanka accord under which the council was established.

Kalkat, who toured the region today, said "the LTTE had vowed not to let the democratic process go through. They had promised a blood bath."

He told reporters in Trincomalee the LTTE had ordered its gunmen to kill five civilians every night from every village between Nov 12 and 19.

But, the general said, Indian troops had prevented such action.

**Flashpoint**  
Kalkat said the Tamil rebels launched seven attacks yesterday morning, killing one civilian, injuring two others and wounding an Indian soldier.

Residents of Batticaloa, said voter turnout was poor in the morning but picked up later. Batticaloa, 218 kilometres (136 miles) east of Colombo, is in the heart of an area that has been a constant flashpoint in the five-year-old Tamil separatist war.

The coastal city is the capital of

Eastern Province, where the population is about equally divided among Tamils, Sinhalese and Muslims.

The voters are to elect 35 members to a council joining multi-ethnic Eastern Province with overwhelmingly Tamil Northern Province. There were no election contests in Northern Province because various factions agreed last month to apportion their province's 36 seats before the vote. All candidates were unopposed.

In Eastern Province, four groups are contesting the council seats: the United National Party, which is mostly Sinhalese; The Sri Lanka Muslim Congress and two former Tamil guerrilla groups, the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front and the Eelam National Democratic Liberation Front.

Sri Lankan military sources said the guerrillas attacked five military camps and check-points of the Indian and Sri Lankan forces with mortars and small

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## Air India will spruce up image

# No plans to change fares on Kuwait-India sector

By Fathima Ahmed

AIR India's Managing Director Rajan Jetley has said there are no immediate plans to change fares on the Kuwait-India sector despite plans to spruce up the image of the airline.

Jetley visited Kuwait for a few hours yesterday and later left for Bahrain on the second leg of his fact-finding tour of the Gulf to renew contacts with national carriers and discuss "outstanding issues."

Speaking to reporters yesterday, Jetley said: "I don't envisage any immediate changes (in the

fare structure)."

Jetley said the present fare structure on the Kuwait-India sector is "fairly reasonable."

Air India (AI) recently signed a contract with an international corporation — Landor Associates — to spruce up the image of the airline. On the Gulf sector, the emphasis will be "more on direct non-stop operations instead of hopping schedules," he said.

One example is the recent introduction of the direct Dubai-Bombay-Trivandrum flight. AI

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Jetley

## Surrender illegal arms, Iraqis told

BAGHDAD, Nov 19, (Reuters): The Iraqi government asked its citizens yesterday to hand in weapons obtained illegally during the eight-year war with Iran.

Arms and ammunition should be surrendered to police stations or ruling Baath party offices as part of efforts to secure comprehensive peace and to stop violent incidents, a government statement read on television said.

Hundreds of people were killed or injured by gunfire in three-day street celebrations of a ceasefire agreement announced on Aug 8.

### Kidnapped

CARACAS, Nov 19, (AP): The baby daughter of an Austrian executive with the Siemens telecommunications company was kidnapped, police confirmed today.

Police said they have no clues as to her whereabouts and there have been no contacts made by the kidnappers.

## Iran made unnecessary enemies: Rafsanjani

NICOSIA, Nov 19, (Agencies): The Speaker of Iran's Parliament was quoted today as saying Tehran's policies had made unnecessary enemies in the past.

Hashemi Ali Akbar Rafsanjani said that if Iran had shown a little more tact it would not have antagonised such nations as France and Kuwait, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

"Iran is now in a position to make good on her previously crude diplomacy so that, in the event Iran should happen to be embroiled in just another war, other countries will not side with Iran's enemy," IRNA quoted him as saying.

It said Rafsanjani, answering questions in the southwestern city of Ahvaz yesterday replied that in future Iran "should adhere to its independent foreign policy without trying to make enemies."

Rafsanjani, appointed military supreme shortly before Iran agreed in July to a ceasefire in its eight-year war with Iraq, has led a drive this year to mend

ties with Arab and Western countries.

The Iranian daily Abrar quoted Rafsanjani as saying Iran had influence in Lebanon but that securing the release of kidnapped Church of England envoy Terry Waite "is simply another issue," reported IRNA.

It said he was responding to a report that visiting Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi passed on a message from Christian authorities seeking Iranian mediation to win freedom for Waite, who was kidnapped in West Beirut on Jan 20, 1987.

Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini, responding to a letter from former US President Jimmy Carter, has rejected any improvement in Tehran-Washington ties, Tehran Radio reported today.

Carter wrote Khomeini stating that the release of American hostages in Lebanon could remove one of the main obstacles to re-establishing Tehran-Washington ties, the radio reported today.

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## Strike paralyses occupied areas

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 19, (AP): Soldiers raided or clamped curfews on nine Arab villages and refugee camps in the occupied lands to search for anti-Israeli activists and 13 Palestinians suffered gunshot wounds during ensuing clashes, Arab news reports said.

The violence erupted as Palestinian businesses and public transportation were paralysed by a general strike staged to mark the death anniversary of a founder of the Palestinian Resistance Movement.

The strike in honour of Sheikh Ezzedine Al Kassem, who was fatally shot in 1935 by British rulers in the northern city of Haifa, was called by pro-PLO underground leaders of the uprising. It was also endorsed by the Muslim fundamentalist "Hamas" movement.

Streets were deserted in five major West Bank cities and throughout the Gaza Strip. But confrontations with troops were reported in outlying neighbour-

hoods of Gaza city, refugee camps and near the West Bank's largest city of Nablus.

Palestinians attacked soldiers with rocks in four villages near Nablus where the troops came in jeeps to conduct searches and arrests, Arab news reports said. The number of detainees was not reported.

The soldiers responded by opening fire, wounding nine Arabs, said officials at Al Ittihad and St John's Hospitals in Nablus.

Among the wounded was a 65-year-old woman from Karawa Beni Hassan village who was hit in the chest, and a 20-year-old man from Beit Furik who was wounded seriously in the chest, the officials said.

Israel Radio also reported the clash in Beit Furik saying it occurred during a search raid by soldiers.

Soldiers also fired live ammunition and tear gas to disperse nationalist demonstrators in Nablus, an Arab reporter said.

## Sudanese minister's plane hit by missile

KHARTOUM, Nov 19, (Reuters): A plane carrying the Sudanese defence minister was hit by a missile on Thursday, the state radio Omdurman reported today.

The radio said Minister Abdul-Maged Hamed Khalil escaped injury when his plane was hit by a Soviet-made SAM-7 missile believed fired by rebels shortly after takeoff from the southeastern town of Wau.

The pilot managed to control the plane with difficulty and land it at Wau again, the radio added. It did not identify the plane which was also carrying several senior Army officers.

The attack happened a day after rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) signed an agreement in Addis Ababa aimed at ending five years of civil war in south Sudan.

## New Delhi urged to improve ties with Beijing

# Sino-Soviet summit soon: Gorbachev

NEW DELHI, Nov 19, (Agencies): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev today advised New Delhi to mend its nettlesome relations with Beijing so the world's two most populous nations and Moscow can work together in extending influence in Asia and the Pacific.

He also hinted that a Sino-Soviet summit may be held soon. Gorbachev also charged during a speech at the mid-way point of a three-day visit to India that Washington and Islamabad "want to abandon" the Geneva accords that plot the withdrawal of the Kremlin's occupation troops from Afghanistan.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Aftab Seth said Gorbachev and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi held their first round of official talks aimed at "taking the Indo-Soviet relationship to a new

level" and boosting economic co-operation.

Seth said the two leaders spoke about a number of co-operative projects, including greater Soviet assistance in power generation and a plan for construction of 50 Indian-built hotels across the communist superpower. The sale of two Soviet 1,000 MW nuclear reactors needed in electricity-scarce southern India would probably be finalised before Gorbachev's departure tomorrow, Seth said.

### Prize

The Kremlin chief during the evening officially closed a one-year-long festival of Soviet arts and culture at a colourful finale involving traditional dancing, ice-skating and gymnastics by both Indian and Soviet performers.

Earlier, Gorbachev received

the Indira Gandhi prize for peace, disarmament and development, named after Rajiv Gandhi's mother and predecessor who was assassinated on Oct 31, 1984.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze announced that Gorbachev was donating the Rs1.5 million (\$107,000) prize money to New Delhi's Soviet Science and Cultural Centre.

Gorbachev, in a 20-minute address that mostly dealt with the need for new global strategies to combat poverty, pollution and the nuclear arms race, referred to his 1986 speech in Vladivostok that called for a greater Soviet role in Asia and the Pacific.

"We especially count on the understanding and co-operation of India ... to help solve the problems of the Asia-Pacific

region," he said. "This is also true of another great nation, the People's Republic of China."

"We are pleased to see signs of improving relations between India and China. Good relations between India and China are absolutely essential for global progress," the President said, adding that a Sino-Soviet summit was "not too far away."

Gorbachev began the second day of his state visit today by paying homage to Mohandas Gandhi, who led the country to independence. Gorbachev, accompanied by his wife, Raisa, placed flowers at the Gandhi memorial.

Gorbachev also said the US and Pakistan appeared intent on forcing Moscow to cancel its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan and scuttle the UN-mediated Afghan settlement.



## Police block anti-Chun protesters in Seoul

SEOUL, Nov 19, (Reuters): Shoppers fled in panic today as police in the South Korean capital sprayed skin-burning pepper gas into crowds of protesters demanding the execution of former strongman Chun Doo Hwan.

As night fell thousands of demonstrators, most bent only on a peaceful march, clashed with a huge force of riot police near the city's main department stores and the Bank of Korea.

A hard core of radicals rained rocks and petrol bombs on police lines but they were dispersed by repeated barrages of gas.

The demonstration was the latest in a long series of violent confrontations between the authorities and a loose coalition of student radicals, dissidents and workers bent on forcing the government to put Chun on trial.

They accuse the retired general, who rose to power after a 1979 coup and ruled with an iron fist until stepping down last February, of a string of brutalities, massive corruption.

While protesters caused havoc with weekend traffic in Seoul, millions of others stayed home to watch the year's most compelling live television drama — a public parliamentary hearing into

allegations that Chun ordered the May 1980 Kwangju "massacre."

Yesterday, opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung told the hearing he believed the then military strongman provoked the civilian uprising in the south-western city as a pretext to seize full control of the country. At least 200 died when crack combat troops moved in to crush the revolt.

Viewers heard a different version today from then Defence Minister Choo Young-Bok.

Choo, who was still testifying after 10 hours, told lawmakers the Army moved in after intelligence reports from a "friendly country" that Communist North Korea was poised to invade the South.

Military leaders declared martial law on May 17 after nationwide student riots, arresting Kim and other political leaders. The Kwangju revolt erupted the following day.

The repression which followed cast a huge shadow over Chun's eight-year rule.

Since the autocratic president quit power last February, there has been a growing public demand that he should answer for the misdeeds of his "fifth republic."

## Walesa meets interior minister in secret talks

WARSAW, Nov 19, (Reuters): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa held secret talks with Poland's interior minister in an apparent effort to unblock stalled talks intended to lead to national reconciliation.

Solidarity sources said Walesa and General Czeslaw Kiszczak tried yesterday to lay the groundwork for talks between Walesa's banned trade union, the Communist government, and the Roman Catholic church and opposition figures.

But sources close to the church said the two men ran into difficulties over the key problem blocking talks for more than a month — the government's failure to re-legislate Solidarity, suppressed under martial law in 1981.

### Tamil rebels

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arms at Trincomalee today. Two Indian soldiers died.

They said Tamil rebels also fired at three police stations in the Batticaloa and Ampara districts. The police fired back and the guerrillas withdrew.

Residents of the eastern town of Akkaraipattu said the Tigers exploded bombs to scare away voters.

## Row over diplomat deteriorates ties between Hungary, Romania

BUDAPEST, Nov 19, (Reuters): Relations between two communist allies have deteriorated sharply with Romania accusing a senior Hungarian diplomat of incitement and Budapest charging Bucharest with "a serious act of provocation."

A Western diplomat described the exchanges as "most extraordinary" and stronger than ones between Washington and Moscow at times of non-detente.

"They scorch off the page," he added.

Hungary's Foreign Ministry said yesterday that Romania had unlawfully detained Commercial Counsellor Karoly Gyoerfi for six hours on Monday.

Romanian Foreign Minister Ioan Totu later accused him of spreading hostile, inciting leaflets against Romania and its leaders and asked Hungary to recall him.

"Mr Totu stressed that the Romanian side would... take the appropriate steps, should Mr Gyoerfi not be recalled," the Foreign Ministry added.

Hungary had voiced its "most resolute view" that the accusations were completely unfounded and said the Romanian

action was "a serious provocation which damages relations between the two countries which are already extremely tense."

Hungarian-Romanian relations are in deep crisis because of Budapest's criticism of President Nicolai Ceausescu and his policies towards Romania's two million ethnic Hungarians.

The ministry statement said the Gyoerfi incident was not the first example of Hungarian diplomats being obstructed in pursuit of their duties, nor the first in which they and their families had been harassed.

"It demanded an investigation into the affair and a calling to account afterwards to repair the political, moral and financial damage sustained."

The Western diplomat said the incident was clearly linked to a march planned by Romanian exiles and Hungarians on Romania's Budapest embassy to mark the Nov 15 anniversary of worker riots in the Romanian city of Brasov.

This must have been why Hungarian police had been so anxious to prevent the demonstration by about 1,000 demonstrators on Thursday, he said.

Relations between the two countries sank after 50,000 Hungarians marched on the same embassy on June 27 against Ceausescu's plans to bulldoze 8,000 villages as part of an agro-industrial modernisation scheme.

The following day, Ceausescu ordered the closure of Hungary's consulate in Transylvania, a former Hungarian territory still home to most of Romania's ethnic Hungarians.

### East Germany bans Soviet magazine

BERLIN, Nov 19, (AP): East Germany has banned distribution of a Soviet monthly magazine, saying the popular publication contained articles that "distorted history."

The East German Communist Party organ Neues Deutschland said today in a terse announcement that the postal ministry had suspended delivery of Sputnik, a periodical that contains a selection of articles from the Soviet press.

The magazine is targeted for readers outside the Soviet Union.

## Protests erupt as Lithuanians back down in sovereignty row

MOSCOW, Nov 19, (Agencies): Street protests erupted in the Soviet Baltic republic of Lithuania after its Parliament backed away from supporting Estonia in a constitutional confrontation with Moscow.

Lithuanian sources said about 10,000 people gathered in the centre of the capital Vilnius yesterday after the republic's Parliament decided against following Estonia's controversial declaration of sovereignty, which has been firmly rebuffed by Moscow.

In what appeared to be a victory for the Kremlin, Lithuanian Communist Party leader Algirdas Brazauskas persuaded Parliament to adopt a compromise resolution saying changes to the Soviet constitution should be postponed until they had been further discussed.

The protest rally began within hours of the parliamentary session. Sajudis, a Lithuanian mass movement, issued a statement accusing local deputies of treason and saying: "We have treacherously knifed the Estonians in the back."

Sajudis called for a 10-minute transport strike on Monday.

But the President of Soviet Estonia, Arnold Ruutel, returned home early today from Moscow talks apparently unrepentant after being asked to explain his Parliament's vote which set alarm bells ringing in the Kremlin.

The Estonian Parliament on Wednesday unanimously rejected Kremlin plans to reform the Soviet constitution. It amended its own constitution to give itself the right to refuse to apply Soviet laws in its territory.

Meanwhile, in New Delhi, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev said this week's challenge to Kremlin authority by another Baltic republic, Estonia, was part of the ongoing process of perestroika, the term he has given his campaign for social and economic reform.

And in an apparent Kremlin effort to reassure its republics, the Council of Ministers met with representatives of the 15 Soviet republics on economic power-sharing, official Radio Moscow reported today.

Gorbachev's comments, made during his state visit to India, were his first public reaction to the recent surge of nationalism in Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia.

"There is a lot of debate on how to approach the problem. I am sure things will settle down," Gorbachev said in answer to a reporter's question. "The country is thinking over what is happening."

Many points are considered, "but not all are constructive," Gorbachev said. "Some are purely emotional, and this has been causing some negative reactions."

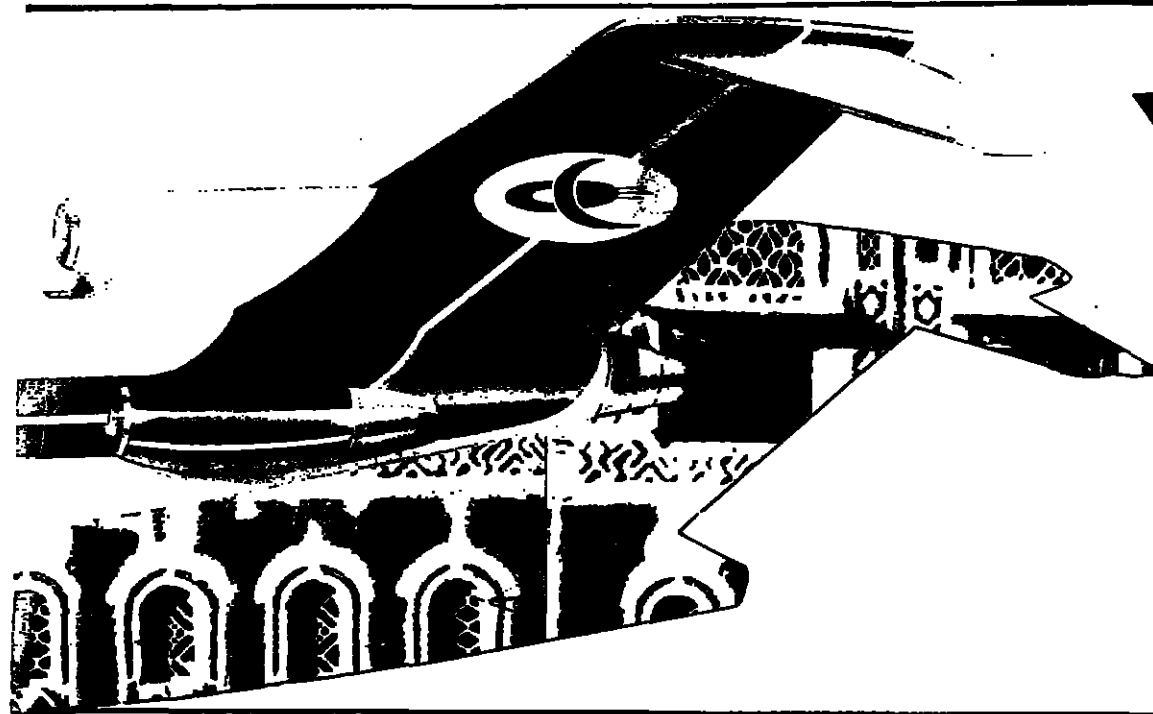
But he added, "what is happening in Estonia is perestroika. In an interview with Estonian television, Ruutel said he had put the republic's case during "good, constructive" talks with Soviet first deputy President Anatoly Lukyanov, according to Estonian sources.

The issue would now be discussed at a session of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the highest state body, in Moscow sometime next week, Ruutel said. He made no attempt to predict the outcome but said: "Things are much clearer now."

Ruutel was whisked to the television studio for the early morning interview as soon as his plane landed at Tallinn airport.

A journalist at Estonian television said Ruutel appeared calm and did not give the impression that the Estonians had lost their struggle.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet on Thursday declared the Estonian decision unconstitutional.



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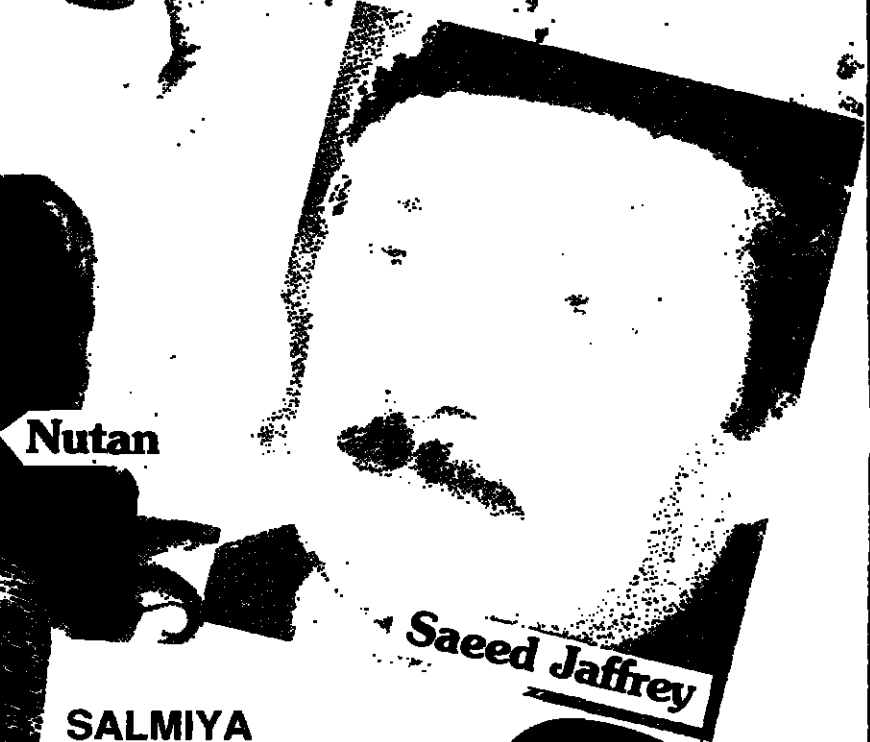
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## Kuwaiti envoy urges UN to adopt Amir's plan

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 19, (KUNA): Kuwait called for "concerted efforts" to put into effect the "important and constructive" initiative proposed here by HH the Amir in late September regarding North-South co-operation.

On Sept 28, the Amir proposed in the UN General Assembly a three-point programme to solve the problem of indebtedness.

"If it is implemented, the world economy in general and that of the Third World in particular will benefit," Kuwaiti UN Ambassador Mohammed Abulhasan told the General Assembly yesterday as it considered the critical economic situation in Africa.

### Commitments

He affirmed Kuwait will continue to respect its commitments towards the recovery and development of Africa because of their importance to international peace and security.

Abulhasan blamed "all the parties" that persisted in activities that served to perpetuate the situation in Africa, for the continuing deterioration of the overall economic situation there.

On the other hand, it is important to recognise those in the international community who are making great efforts to help the African states, he said.

### Impediment

"A basic impediment to improving the situation is the low flow of finance from the developed countries to the African countries, making the prospect of growth elusive," Abulhasan said.

The African situation requires concerted efforts to bring about change that will benefit the international community in general and the African countries in particular, he said.

The Africans cannot achieve a sound acceptable economic base without help, he said. This cannot be accomplished by only adopting declarations, but by it requires hard work.

### Access

He said it is ironic that while there is famine that threatens millions of people in Africa, there are attempts by some to lower food production to maintain high prices.

The right to have food is a basic human right and food assistance must not be tied to any conditions, he said.

The African countries must achieve self-reliance in food production and must be given access to markets of developed countries for their products, he added.

Abulhasan called on the international community to reaffirm its commitment to assisting the large number of refugees in Africa who are an economic burden on the countries of refuge.

Later in the evening, the assembly adopted its ad-hoc committee's mid-term review and appraisal of the four-year UN programme of action for African economic recovery.

### Review

The assembly adopted without a vote a resolution approving the review committee's conclusions and decided to conduct a final review and appraisal of the programme of action in 1991.

"Today, Africa and the international community have renewed the partnership forged in 1986 for the economic recovery and development of the continent," UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar told the assembly upon the adoption of the text.

## Private firms successfully guard schools

THE experiment using security men from private local companies to guard some schools has proved successful, according to Mohammed Al Zayed, director of Technical Employment Department at the Ministry of Education.

No accidents were reported in schools guarded by these men during the last week, he said.

### Shortage

The ministry will appoint any Kuwaiti wishing to work as a guard in the schools. A number of office boys (farrash) have been transferred by the ministry to meet the shortage of guards, the official added.

Private security companies have been appointed to guard schools because of the shortage of ministry guards. The cleaning of schools has also been contracted to private companies, Al Zayed said.

## Ministry to install buoys

OFFICIALS are working to pinpoint areas which pose hazards to boats in regional waters, according to the assistant under-secretary of the Ministry of Communications, Saqr Al Soudan.

A number of boats were damaged when they collided with marine rocks in the Ben-Said area that extends from Raas Al Jilel to Raas Al Zour, he said.

Work is in progress to place buoys at each of these high-risk areas. The buoys will emit a light at night to warn fishermen, ships and other boats.

## 3 to stand trial for possessing detonators

KUWAIT, Nov 19, (KUNA): Two men and a woman will be tried by the State Security Court on Dec 10 for possessing detonators and for failing to report to the authorities about two others who committed crimes.

Counsellor Mohammed Abdulhadi Al Bana'i decided that the defendants will go on trial on Dec 10. The three are identified as Abdul Amir Saleh Moussa Hussein Al Attar, Maher Saleh Moussa Hussein Al Attar and Layla Saleh Moussa Hussein Al Attar, all Kuwaiti nationals. They are not under arrest.

### Crimes

The three defendants are accused of possessing detonators and of failing to inform authorities about Moussa Saleh Hussein.

## Official defends decision on clinic services

THE decision to prohibit sonar examinations, X-ray services and medical analyses at private clinics, was made to protect patients at private clinics from being exploited or from wrong diagnosis, according to Dr Tareq Al Abdul Jader, assistant under-secretary of the Ministry of Public Health.

Doctors at private clinics do not have the expertise to provide these services, he said.

### Licences

He called on physicians who are qualified to conduct medical analyses, X-rays and sonar examinations to submit applications for licences to practice these activities at private clinics. The ministry will increase its

inspection of private clinics to ensure that they abide by the decision. Private clinics that violate the decision will face legal action, the official said.

A number of physicians at private clinics criticised the decision. They said that private clinics are a part of the health services authorised by the Ministry of Health.

Medical examinations and analyses are necessary for private physicians to effectively treat patients, they added.

Private clinics do not provide X-ray services. Sonar has no adverse results on health of patients, these doctors said. They called on the ministry to reconsider its decision.

## Nurses needed at schools, says survey

THE government should reinstitute the services of nurses at schools as students are bound to require medical attention at one time or another.

That was the consensus among students and officials who were asked their opinions on the Ministry of Public Health's decision to withdraw the nursing services.

### Reconsider

Himoud Al Fulaj told a local newspaper the decision was a big mistake as the country can afford the cost of health care. In the absence of such vital attention, students will suffer in cases of emergency, he said.

He appealed to the ministry to reconsider its decision, particularly since the ministry organised special training courses for nurses at schools.

## Electricity bills explained

ELECTRICITY consumption charges are calculated on the basis of average daily consumption at a given date.

This average is used to establish expected consumption rates over a one-year period. However, the subscriber will be billed on the basis of actual meter readings, according to an authoritative source.

Speaking to Al Rai Al Aam newspaper, Jassem Hamad Abdullah, acting director of the Subscriber's Affairs Department at the Ministry of Electricity and Water, said that the estimated value of power consumption bills will always be compared to actual meter readings.

The true consumption rates will be balanced against actual payments, he said. This adjustment will be made in the bills to be issued in the following year. This system is to help subscribers avoid payment of accumulated

bills, the official said.

The number of subscribers is constantly rising and totalled over 250,000. If subscribers co-operate with the department, the trouble resulting from misplaced bills could be reduced, he said.

If a bill is lost, the subscriber should call the ministry's Subscriber's Affairs Control Office. Timely payment will prevent subscribers from receiving disconnection notices.

Personnel who read meters always check the meters' validity, the official said. Any faults are reported to the department for action.

The department handles the connection and disconnection of electricity as well as fresh and brackish water in co-operation with other departments in the ministry. The department is also responsible for maintaining metres and supervising the water bottling plants around Kuwait.

## Kuwait pledges active support of Palestine

KUWAIT, Nov 19, (KUNA): Kuwait will actively participate in any collective Arab action when the United Nations General Assembly opens a debate on the Palestinian question in December. Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad said today.

He told reporters Kuwait will be taking part in the debate, be it at a ministerial level or otherwise.

Sheikh Sabah made the remarks when asked about a suggestion by Iraq that Arab foreign ministers attend the UN debate next month as PLO Leader Yasser Arafat is expected to address the international body on the uprising and the independent Palestinian state.

### Campaign

Queried if Arab countries and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) were planning to unleash a campaign to seek West European recognition of the newly proclaimed Palestinian state, he said the issue will be raised in the first Euro-Arab gathering.

But he indicated that there is

no such initial agreement on the date or the level of the meeting. There also has been no clear-cut agreement yet on the nature of the Arab-Palestinian drive in Europe, he added.

### Rights

Meanwhile State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed said today that Kuwait hopes that Arabs and Muslims will back the Palestinian people. He also affirmed that HH the Amir, current president of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, has sought a better international understanding of the Palestinian people's legitimate rights.

### Recognise

The OIC secretariat played a major role in attracting world attention to the Palestinian cause and the Israeli occupation authorities' atrocities in the West Bank and Gaza, Al Rashed went on.

Kuwait was one of the first countries to recognise the new state. So far, 43 countries officially recognise the Palestinian state, he noted.

## Kuwaitis exempted

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has issued directives to the Ministry of Interior to exempt Kuwaitis from filling the departure and arrival slips at the airport and the country's other outlets.

This step was taken to speed up the processing of passports of Kuwaiti citizens particularly at the airport.

The local daily Al Rai Al Aam commented that this step reflects Sheikh Saad's and the government's concern for the comfort of citizens. Relevant personnel at the Ministry of Interior are working with officials at the Directorate of Civil Aviation to implement the directives.

## GCC cultural committee's fourth meeting

THE Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) General Cultural Committee will hold its fourth meeting Tuesday at the GCC headquarters in Al Riyadh.

The two-day meeting will follow up on cultural activities including the staging of a mobile fair to formative arts to be held in member states, organising another fair abroad and organising cultural courses.

These activities were endorsed by the GCC culture ministers in their second meeting in September last year. The committee is expected to submit their recommendations at the next meeting of the ministers of culture.

## Statistics on jail terms released

JUDGE Salem Al Khudair, the director of the Executive Department at the Ministry of Justice, said that the department carried out 10,629 sentences from the beginning of 1988 till Sept 28.

The number of sentences will increase by about 6,000 to 7,000 by the end of this year. The department carried out 16,115 sentences during last year, the judge said.

### Finalised

Sentences relating to the Al Manakh crisis (dealing in shares), will be finalised shortly, the official said.

Out of 1,239 sentences issued by the relevant courts, the department implemented 1,048 sentences. The balance are being carried out by the department, the official said.

## Al Khairan project dropped

THE Al Khairan City project will not be implemented, according to a local daily.

A study by several governmental authorities recommended the shelving of the Al Khairan City project, the daily said.

The study added that the construction of the Al Sabiyah project will be sufficient.

The daily added that a new flyover will be constructed on Al Ghazal Street which will link Al Sabiyah city with Shuwaik Port. On completion, the time needed to travel between the two areas will be reduced from one hour to about 15 minutes, the daily said.

### Motorist dies

ONE motorist died and three people were injured in traffic accidents yesterday according to the Public Relations Department at the Ministry of Interior.

Nine traffic accidents were reported in Kuwait yesterday. One occurred in Hawalli, five in Ahmadi and three in Jahra.

## BAHRAIN DIGEST

### Property list

TO attract new companies to the island, Bahrain plans to draw up a property list of available factories and warehouses.

According to officials of the Ministry of Development and Industry, vacant industrial buildings will be listed for local and overseas firms.

A spokesman at the ministry said there are many enquiries from businessmen about the availability of industrial property. He said that the government would like to be able to provide local and foreign industrialists and investors with a complete list of suitable premises.

"It means companies will be able to move into existing buildings on a rental basis, instead of making a large capital investment in constructing a new factory or warehouse," said the spokesman.

He added that the ministry is asking property owners to provide details about their premises. The information will then be used to show industrialists what ready-made buildings are available on the island.

Although the ministry is aware of the availability of the amount of land in the industrial areas it has no knowledge of the vacant property in the private sector.

### Stevens delights crowd

POPULAR pop star Shakin Stevens, set the stage alight with some of his 26 hits as he shook and sang his way to enrapture a capacity crowd at the Diplomat Hotel on Thursday.

The still youthful looking rock 'n' roll superstar, he belted out his classics for nearly two hours. The crowd, comprised of mostly youngsters, left their seats at one point and joined the Welsh rocker in front of the stage.

Stevens sang such classics "This Ole House," "Oh Julie," "Because I Love You," "Hot Dog" and his new number "True Love." An affable and easy-going character, Stevens is married with three children, and has successfully blended his personal life and music for nearly two decades and is still going strong.

### Exhibition to begin

A TRADE delegation from Cyprus will host an exhibition of Cypriot products Tuesday through Thursday at the Holiday Inn.

Products on display will include clothing, footwear and toys. The delegation is comprised of 20 Cypriot companies and is visiting Bahrain on the last leg of a Gulf tour including Kuwait, Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

The delegation will be led by Andreas Mavrogenis, senior trade officer at the Cyprus Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The mission members will talk with government officials and Chamber of Commerce representatives during their stay here.

## Bahrain defends arrest of UN employee

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 19, (KUNA): Bahrain on Friday denied allegations that it ever violated any privileges and immunities of UN officials on its territory and that it has always abided by agreements with the world organisation.

The explanation was in response to allegations made by the president of the UN staff union in a press conference last Monday. The union leader said that 20 UN officials were missing, detained, imprisoned or being kept against their will in Afghanistan, Bahrain, Ethiopia, China and Kenya.

### Violations

The denial was made Friday in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee of the UN General Assembly by Bahraini representative Jaber Al Romaihi.

He explained that the charges of violations of the security of his

country brought against a national who was a local employee of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) were not in violation of privileges and immunities of UN officials.

The union's President Anna Frangipoli appealed to member states in Monday's press conference to respect their obligations under the charter, vis-a-vis staff members, and to free international civil servants being held against their will.

### Surprised

The UN legal counsel, upon receiving the facts relating to the case of Abdul Mageed Hassan Abdulla, a Bahraini national, had determined that no breach of immunity had occurred.

The Bahraini government was surprised that the name of the individual concerned had appeared in UN documents and that the staff union president had referred to it in a press conference, Al Romaihi said.

## Omani ruler celebrates 'renaissance' anniversary

MUSCAT, Nov 19, (AP): Sultan Qaboos Bin Said, absolute ruler of this once-hermit Arab state on the rim of the Gulf, Friday marked the 18th anniversary of "the renaissance" that began when he ousted his despotic father and thrust Oman into the 20th Century.

And renaissance it has been. Oman has vaulted nearly two centuries in less than two decades.

### Cheered

Qaboos, celebrating his 48th birthday Friday, was wildly cheered by thousands of his subjects when he watched a colourful pageant marking "the year of agriculture" at a stadium on the outskirts of his capital, Muscat.

Since he deposed his father, Sultan Said Bin Taimur, in a bloodless palace coup on July 23, 1970, Qaboos has transformed one of the world's most backward countries into a burgeoning modern state.

Sultan Said, a traditionalist who had ruled since 1932, kept Oman in the dark ages. Despite the discovery of oil in 1964, he banned schools, radios, music, dancing, spectacles and even trousers and books in an attempt to keep the 20th Century at bay. He virtually banned foreigners. The only ones allowed into Oman were those whose visas he personally authorised.

There were only a few miles of paved road and 15 telephones in the entire country. The gates of the old walled city of Muscat, little changed since the 15th Century, were locked at night and strangers risked being shot on sight.

Now, using Oman's modest oil revenues, Qaboos has built a thriving and thrifty nation with

nearly 2,000 miles of highways, nearly 700 schools and other educational centres, 130 hospitals and clinics and a development plan aimed at building a diversified economy for the day when the oil runs out.

"Twenty years ago, this country was at a standstill, a stagnant backwater with no future," said a Western diplomat, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

### Bright

"Now it's a state with a bright future and none of the reckless spend, spend, spend policies that no characterized other Arab countries after they found oil," the diplomat said.

On Friday, Qaboos underlined the drive to make his nation of 1.5 million people self-sufficient by noting that the "year of agriculture" aims to "achieve a broadening of our country's development by focusing on the exploitation of our rich land resources and the traditional abilities of our people."

"We are determined to promote the role of our people in the agricultural, fisheries and livestock industries. We emphasize the importance of following a policy which will prevent these vital professions from being allowed to decline," he said.

Oman, which lies on the south-eastern tip of the Arabian Peninsula, is strategically important as the guardian, with Iran, of the Strait of Hormuz, gateway to the oil-rich Gulf.

During the 8-year Iran-Iraq war, Qaboos stayed neutral, but because of his contacts in Tehran was well-placed to act as a mediator to prevent the conflict from spreading.

Neither side was prepared to

drag Oman into the war, but Qaboos, who was trained at Britain's Sandhurst Military Academy, prudently built up his own forces.

Because of Oman's longstanding links with Britain, the armed forces are mainly led by British officers. His 25,000-strong armed forces, including some 3,700 foreign personnel, are considered among the best trained and equipped in the Gulf region.

A huge 32 per cent of the budget, about \$1.4 billion, is assigned for defence.

Qaboos welcomed what he called "the courageous and wise step taken by the leaders of Iran and Iraq to begin direct negotiations to settle their dispute by peaceful means."

But, while the Gulf conflict may have halted with the Aug 20 cease-fire, Qaboos said Friday: "Our efforts will continue for the further improvement of our national forces."

Qaboos' transformation of his country from a forgotten land trapped in a time warp to one ready for the 21st Century depends on that.

### Roots

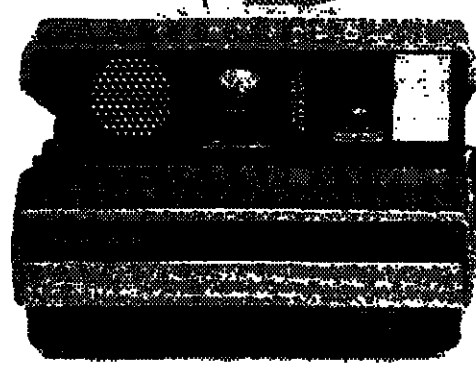
But Qaboos has not forgotten his roots or turned his back on the past his father tried to preserve. At Friday's pageant, there was no military power display of the kind often favoured by Middle Eastern rulers. Instead, it focused on village life — farming, fishing and livestock.

Hundreds of Omanis, dressed in traditional robes of saffron, green, blue and black gave performances rooted in traditional values, including a band riding camels and playing the bagpipes — a legacy of the British — and drums.

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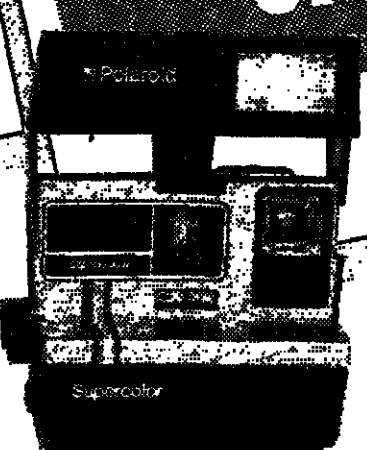
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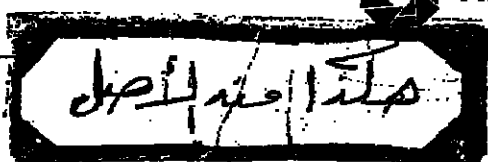
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## GOING PLACES

### Rock show in the offing

ROCK the Night hopes to sweep the audience off their feet on Wednesday and Thursday nights. The members of the Seventh Sky band are putting final touches to the concert, due to be held at the Salmiya Cinema.

A Sounds Great production, it features rock music with several singles hits that appeared on the international charts. Some numbers that will be performed are "Pour some sugar on me", "Papa don't preach" and "I love rock 'n' roll." Hot favourites from Europe, Heart, Pet Shop Boys and Iron Maiden are also included in the programme.

Riad Qabandi who last per-

formed at the A.S.K. Prom, will present his own composition "Forever and a Day" at the Rock the Night concert. He has recently joined the Seventh Sky on keyboard and synthesizers.

Other new members include Annika Vallgraa and Suzy Abdel Hameed from the A.S.K., Carrie Dowsett, who appeared at the recent Pop-Rock show, Raza Shamim on the drums, Ammar Al Binni on the lead guitar and Murtaza Shamim on the bass guitar. Murtaza is also the musical director of the concert.

For reservations contact Ken Winston — 5740256/7; Riad — 5386294.



(L-R): Raza, Ammar, Riad and Murtaza

### Dancing the night away

COMPETITORS were plenty for Mr and Ms Nite Flight 88 as airlines staff danced away the night at their recent social event, held at the SAS Hotel.

Lydia Fernandes was the lucky winner of the "Ms Night Flight 88" title. The first runner-up was Sany Gomes and the second runner-up was Maha.

The title of Mr Nite Flight was won by Sunil Dias; the runners-up were Javid Khan (first) and Stanley Gomes (second).

All entries for the What's On column should be sent personally to Events Section, from 10 am to 5 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shurubah. Entries will be considered for publication. Photographs will also be accepted.

AN Indian circus will come to Kuwait in the first week of December. The Bombay-based Jumbo Circus, considered to be one of the best in India, will pitch tent at the Mishref Fair Grounds.

Most of the 65 artistes are from Kerala. They will present acrobatics, trapeze acts and other items. Animals include elephants, tigers.

The Jumbo Circus will also perform in Bahrain.

### KALA's 10th anniversary

THE Kerala Art Lovers Association (KALA) has formed a 26-member committee to organise a two-day programme to celebrate their 10th anniversary and the Nehru Centenary Year. It will be held in the last week of December. The theme of the programme will be national integration.

J. Albert was named the convener of KALA's committee. V.B. Jamal and Sam Painumoodu are the joint-conveners.

On the first day, they will present folk dances, tableaux, one-act plays and other entertainment. On the second day, they will hold a painting and elocution competition for children, followed by another evening of entertainment.

All those wishing to participate, and are willing to extend their co-operation are requested to contact Sam. Tel: 3920315; 5610765.

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## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

#### MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.10 Good Morning  
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: Cartoon serial  
9.45 World News via Satellite  
10.00 Qulob Al Baidah: Arabic serial. Starring: Anwar Ismael, Hala Sudqi, Ahmad Marae.  
10.45 Good Morning  
11.00 Dars Khussousi: Daily Arabic serial. Starring: Suad Abdullah  
12.00 News Summary  
12.15 Believe It Or Not!  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

#### EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran  
4.15 World News via Satellite  
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoon  
5.15 Tum Tek and Children  
5.20 Eureka  
6.00 Islam Wal Insan: historical serial. Starring: Omar Hariri, Zahra Al Ula, Anwar Ismael, Hala Fakher.



John Ritter plays 'Hooperman', 9.30 pm on KTV 2 tonight.

### KTV 2

5.00 Holy Quran  
5.07 Cartoons  
5.31 Variety Show  
5.55 Handball: Al Arabi vs Al Nasr  
7.36 Challenge: "Antarctic." A look at mammals in the region  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Flying Doctors  
9.30 Hooperman: Harry Hooperman becomes interested in the life of a small-time crook after he turns state witness  
10.00 She is the Sheriff: Hildy is cheated. Starring: Suzanne Sommers  
10.30 Best-Seller: "The Windmill of the Gods". Based on Sidney Sheldon's best-seller. Starring: Jaclyn Smith, Robert Wagner  
11.30 News in Brief  
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite: Holy Quran/Closedown

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### CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
The Last Hunter  
Starring: David Warrick  
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Haunted Honeymoon  
Starring: Gilda Radner, Johnny Wilder  
Al Hamra  
Vigilante  
Starring: Fred Williamson  
Drive-In  
Malaf Samiya Sharawi  
(Arabic)  
Starring: Nadiya Al Jundi, Farouk Fishawi, Kamal Shinnawi  
Al Firdous  
Aankhen (Hindi)  
Starring: Dharmendra, Mala Sinha  
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### PRAYERS

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| Isha    | 6.11    |

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

#### Indian Contemporary Art Exhibition

Richness in Spirit is the title of an exhibition of Indian contemporary art. Figurative art by 30 painters is on show at the Kuwait National Museum, daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm; until Dec 15.

#### Boushahri Gallery

UNTIL NOV. 25: Indian artist Amrut Patel displays his paintings at the gallery, Salem Al-Mubarak St., daily 9-12.30 pm; 2-8.30 pm.

#### Painting Exhibition

NOV. 20-30: Kuwaiti artist Fadel Al Abbar will display his modern art paintings at the Kuwait National Museum; open during museum hours.

#### Ghadir Gallery

NOV. 27-Dec 31: Art of Antiques and Paintings of Matthew Digby Wyatt (1820-1877) and antiques will be on show at the Ghadir Gallery, Salthia Complex. The show will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4-8.30 pm.

#### CINEMA

Aspects of Modern Soviet Cinema  
"NOV. 20: "Aiz" Unfinished Piece for a Mechanical Piano"

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NOV 23: "Choice", directed by Vladimir Naumov; starring: Natalia Belokhvostikova, Mikhail Ulyanov.

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Bykov.

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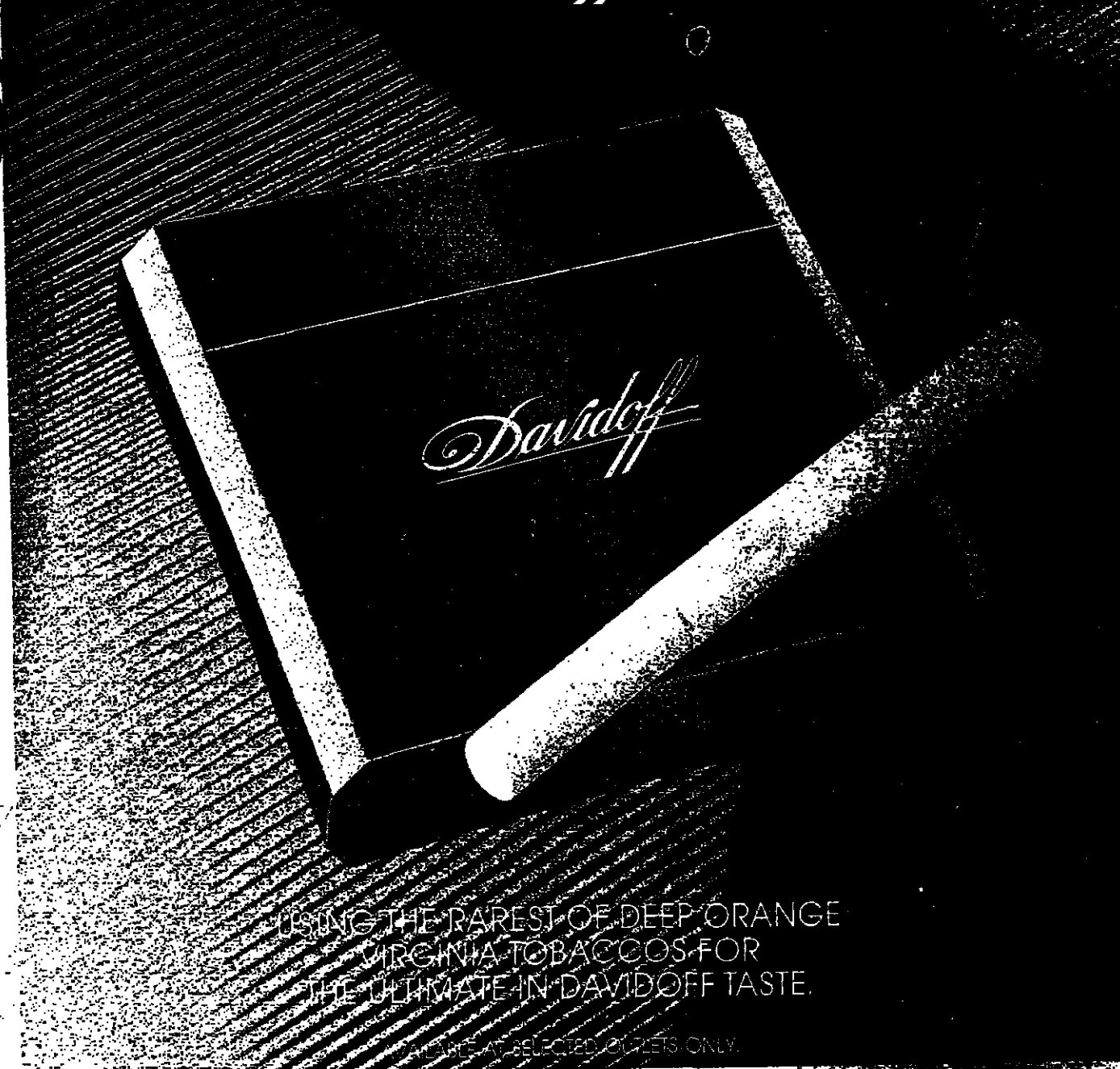
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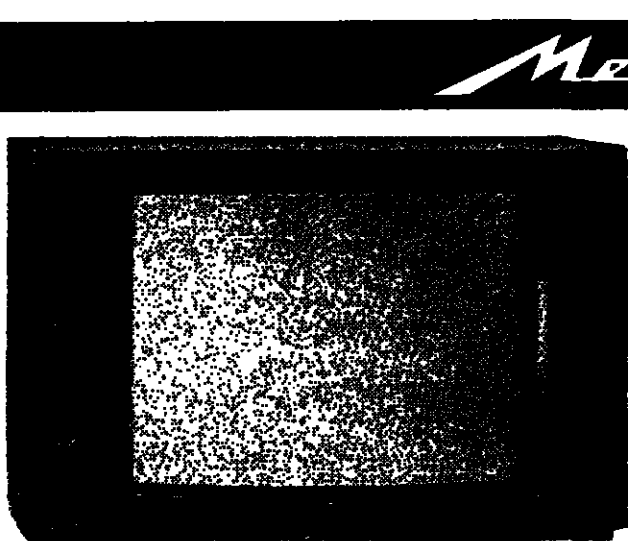


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# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

WORDS are the only things that last forever — William Hazlitt, English writer (1778-1830).

## Swedes to arbitrate US-Soviet conflict

By Arthur Max

STOCKHOLM, (AP): The United States has chosen to play by "Stockholm Rules" to settle its argument with the Soviet Union over the bugging of its Moscow embassy.

It has called on a small unit of Swedish arbitrators that has built a reputation on discretion in dealing with delicate conflicts between East and West.

The Arbitration Institute, a department of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, usually handles business disputes, often between Western corporations and a Soviet bloc country or China.

It arbitrates up to 20 cases a year which together involve claims worth billions of dollars. But the Moscow embassy dispute is different. "This is the first case we've had with such political implications," said Ulf Franke, the institute's secretary-general.

It's also one of the few disputes that has ever received publicity. Secret

"Of all the cases we have each year, nothing ever comes out about them. But this will be difficult to keep secret," Franke told the Associated Press. "A lot of people will be involved."

The institute didn't even know it had been mentioned in an arbitration clause of the 1977 contract for the construction of a new Moscow embassy complex.

But the United States has said it will put the clause into effect after discovering that the embassy was riddled with listening devices.

Washington refused to authorize occupation of the building and President Ronald Reagan recommended that it be torn down, though he apparently is leaving the decision to the new administration under George Bush.

The United States is claiming \$29 million in damages for defective construction, and has told the Soviet Union it cannot move into its new embassy in Washington until the issue is settled.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady L. Gerasimov has denied the allegations of bugging, and has said the Soviet government will make a counterclaim for the late delivery of material and other construction delays.

He has not said how much the Soviet Union will claim, but said it will be higher than the American claim.

"Construction cases are complicated and normally take a lot of time, sometimes several years," Franke said, predicting an involved process involving stacks of documents and testimony from experts.

He said it may be difficult to establish responsibility for planting bugs in the complex. "I don't expect anyone to say it was me who put it there," he said.

The State Department notified the institute that it was ready to go ahead with the case after two years of preparation. But it has not yet started the legal process of calling in arbitrators, perhaps fearing that an acrimonious court battle might put a wrinkle in US-Soviet relations.

"I suppose parties are hesitant to take this step. Once you begin arbitration, it's not entirely in your hands any more," Franke said. "My guess is they won't do anything until the new administration takes office."

Arbitration is deeply rooted in Sweden, which passed its first law on the subject in 1887 and which had some local precedents as long ago as the 14th century.

Other arbitration forums are larger, but the Swedish group has earned respect for acting "impartially and expeditiously," with enough expertise "to accommodate even complex arbitrations," said an article this year in The International Lawyer, published by American Bar Association.

Under Stockholm Rules, each side chooses an equal number of arbitrators and the institute, drawing from a pool of 18 international lawyers or jurists, names the chairman of the tribunal.

The list includes six Swedes and six experts each from East bloc and Western countries. Normally a Swede is appointed in East-West disputes.

Most cases are heard in the elegant 340-year-old Chamber of Commerce building in downtown Stockholm.

The rules outline a courtroom-like procedure of presenting written evidence and oral testimony. The procedure is free of interference from Swedish authorities.

The tribunal, once chosen, also is independent of the institute, which cannot review the panel's decisions.

The arbitrators' fees are usually paid by the loser. The institute takes a percentage of the award — 4 per cent on small claims and 0.01 per cent on claims over \$16 million.

The institute has existed for 70 years, but it was only about 30 years ago that foreign companies began seeking its intervention as a neutral party.

With the growth of East-West trade over the last 10 years, the institute was written into dozens of contracts as the final recourse for resolving claims.

unilateral acts of either side," State Department spokesman Charles Redman said, referring to areas where a Palestinian state might be formed.

William Quandt, a Middle East scholar at the private Brookings Institution think tank, said that in finally accepting the idea of two states in Palestine, one Jewish and one Arab, the PLO had overcome a big ideological hurdle.

He told Reuters the resolution on terrorism sounded unambiguous but that the real question was whether all of the PLO's many factions would abide by it and refrain from attacks.

"They (the PLO) have come a fairly long way ... but people in the US and Israel will be waiting to see if it's real," Quandt said.

Neumann said the Alger resolutions would probably improve the image of the PLO in Washington, among Jewish-Americans, and in Israel.

Most promising, he said, was the prospect of eventual direct contacts between US diplomats and the PLO — a step toward serious peace talks.

Ban

US policy has been to ban all diplomatic contacts with PLO representatives so long as the group is a "terrorist" and "opposed to Resolution 242."

Redman told reporters that, as of Tuesday, the no-contact policy was still in effect.

Private analysts said it seemed likely Shamir — leader of Israel's right-wing Likud Party and working to form a coalition government after recent Israeli elections — would resist peace negotiations with the PLO.

On the other hand, Washington said the PLO's declaration of an independent Palestinian state was not helpful.

"The status of the (Israeli-occupied) West Bank and Gaza cannot be determined by

Democrats still bitter over nasty campaign

WHAT kind of a president is George Bush likely to be? That is the question everybody is asking. When I asked Congressman Tom Foley of the state of Washington, a Democrat and the influential whip in the House of Representatives, he replied that he expects him to be "a good, possibly a very good president."

He then elaborated: he considers him a man of integrity and honour as a human being, a moderate, pragmatic Republican politically and an individual who prefers co-operation to confrontation. He also expects him to surround himself with first-rate advisers.

The bitterness about some of the nasty aspects of the Bush campaign lingers on among Democrats, but less so among members of Congress, as Foley's comments indicate, for, after all, the Democrats in Congress reinforced their position.

Distort

It was not for the first time that an election campaign denigrated and distorted the personalities of presidential candidates. Vice-presidents are particularly vulnerable because their political influence under the constitution is so limited that it raises questions about their ability to act on their own.

Gerald Ford suffered from those doubts when he assumed the presidency after President Nixon's departure and so did Hubert Humphrey of whom President Johnson used to say that he had "his pecker in his pocket" to illustrate his vice-president's impotence. Vice-President Truman had to step into President Franklin D. Roosevelt's shoes without any knowledge of what had gone on in the White House.

Bush is a better man than the one we got to know in the campaign. He needed to show a streak of ruthlessness to erase his "wimp" image that had come to haunt and hurt him. And, furthermore, ruthlessness, first of all, has rarely been an affront to the susceptibilities of an eastern establishmentarian and, secondly, it is an indispensable quality in a strong leader.

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# Bush prefers co-operation to confrontation

learned a lot about how to move into the corridors of power, how government is organised and how to manage it.

He is a realist, who is not easily swept off his feet as President Reagan was at his meeting with Gorbachev at Reykjavik, but he lacks Reagan's flair and personal magic which were part of the secret of his success.

Bush is much more cautious, he likes to take a long and studious look at a situation before taking a decision, also he is more conventional, more pragmatic and less ideological than Reagan. Nor does he have his sunny, optimistic outlook, on the contrary, his face often reflects pain when it comes to answer a difficult question.

Whether Bush has the mental hardness to take tough decisions remains to be seen. Despite his governmental service, he has no record, no real training in the complexities of decision-making.

While director of CIA, for instance, the then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was pressing for the downgrading of the Soviet Backfire bomber from an intercontinental weapon, as classed by the Pentagon, to a tactical bomber.

When his CIA experts confronted him with two contradictory interpretations, he sent both reports to the White House, without recommendation. We do not know however that Vice-President Bush strongly supported the intervention of the US Navy in the Gulf, the invasion of Grenada and the withdrawal of the US Marines from Lebanon.

He also supported the President's aid to the Contras in Nicaragua, but I would guess that he will be less inclined to intervene militarily in Central America. Nor would he use CIA as a tool of foreign policy of its own, only as an adjunct to it.

At one point he favoured a more interventionist policy in the Middle East than Reagan. He told only one or two of his advisers that he thought that in order for the Israelis and King Hussein to accept a compromise, the United States would have to give both certain security guarantees to bring about the "peace for territory" agreement.

But that solution has been overtaken by events, and my guess is that a new policy for an Israeli-Palestinian settlement will not be high on the list of Bush priorities next year.

For those who are troubled by the question whether Bush will have the mental toughness of decision-making at crucial moments, there is the reassurance that he has the good

By Michael Putzel

MOSCOW, (AP): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, struggling with stubborn and potentially threatening problems at home, is launching a new thrust in the arena of foreign policy, where he has enjoyed his greatest political successes.

The Communist Party chief, who arrived in India on Friday, told a farm meeting in southern Russia on Tuesday that he plans to visit the United States, Britain and Cuba next month.

"There is much work to be done, and we intend to continue acting in close co-operation with socialist countries and with all peoples and governments to put international relations on a proper footing and strengthen world security," Gorbachev declared.

He plans to address the UN General Assembly in New York and meet with US President Ronald Reagan and President-elect George Bush — in addition to engaging in separate talks with Cuban leader Fidel Castro and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The schedule of foreign travel for the energetic 57-year-old

undermine the friendship" of Soviet peoples, and he cautioned against whipping up those coals that for generations have glowed just beneath the surface.

Praise

The Soviet leader, although beset by domestic troubles, has won praise for his handling of several international issues: summitry with Reagan; the Soviet decision to withdraw from Afghanistan; efforts to defuse the Angolan civil war; and construction of new political and economic bridges to Western Europe.

His most striking foreign policy success has been the US-Soviet agreement scrapping intermediate-range nuclear weapons.

In New York, Gorbachev will bid farewell to Reagan, his four-time summit partner. He also will be among the first to welcome Bush to the world stage, where the two will pursue the unfinished business of seeking further cuts in their nuclear arsenals, especially their stockpiles of long-range weapons.

Gorbachev warned that some nationalists are trying to "provoke inter-ethnic strife and

Inside Washington

By Henry Brandon

George Bush

I was a bit baffled and wondered whether he had presidential ambitions.

Just as Bush relied on Baker to manage his affairs, so Baker, since his days in the White House, relied on Richard Darman to provide him with the intellectual and technical expertise.

When he moved to the Treasury, he asked Darman to become his deputy and most likely these two men will again move together in the new administration.

Baker, although secretary of state, will become something close to a prime minister to Bush with power to co-ordinate economic, trade, financial and even defence policies as they affect international relations and, possibly, to some extent, domestic

Benazir's election victory sets Pakistan on the road to democracy

By Bryan Wilder

ISLAMABAD, (AP): Benazir Bhutto's election victory set Pakistan on the road to democracy and was the repudiation she had sought of the general who overthrew her father 11 years ago.

President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq was not present to suffer public embarrassment. He died in a plane crash three months ago.

Gen. Zia overthrew Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1977, after Pakistan's last open National Assembly election, and Bhutto later convicted of complicity in a murder conspiracy. He was hanged in 1979.

Zia still has many supporters among the military and the affluent, but the judiciary began restoring democracy after his death and, in Wednesday's election, the people took a huge second step.

Benazir's populist Pakistan People's Party, founded by her father, proved that it was still the

Crash

Zia let the government, under Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo, preside with limited powers until May, then dismissed it and the National Assembly on grounds of corruption, incompetence and slowness in applying Islamic law.

The constitution required elections to be held within 90 days, but Zia ignored it. In late July he

called them for Nov 16, again on a non-party basis. He died in the crash on Aug 17.

Sources close to the general have confirmed that Zia intended the elections to coincide with the birth of Benazir's first child so her personal campaigning would be limited. She is married to Asif Ali Zardari, a Karachi businessman.

Benazir, 35, gave birth to a full-term boy on Sept 21. After Zia was killed, family sources admitted they had said the baby was due in late November or early December to foil Zia's plans.

Zia's iron control began to slip in June when the Supreme Court, responding to a petition filed by Benazir, struck down his decree empowering the government to exempt or reject political parties applying to enter an election.

When Zia died, the presidency passed to the president of the Senate, Ghulam Ishaq Khan, a 73-year-old constitutional scholar.

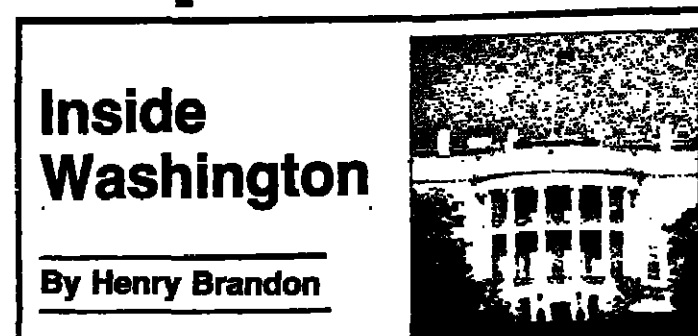
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affairs.

In a way, he will oversee Bush administration policies as he did Reagan policies as President Reagan's chief-of-staff and in the process did not flout conventions or was prone to exaltations.

He too will select men with whom he can easily work with, men of moderate conservative hues. It will be interesting to see how the Republican right is going to react to the end of the more congenial Reagan era when Baker used to be the principal target of Human Events, the right-wing publication.

Problem

President Bush's monumental problem will be how to curtail the federal budget deficit. He painted himself in a corner when he vowed during the election campaign that he would not agree to new taxes.

But there is widespread agreement among virtually all the experts that cutting so-called social entitlements without introducing some form of new taxation will be of no help in bringing the budget deficit within the Graham-Rudman limits.

During the campaign Bush said that he was against any increases of the defence budget and it led to a clash behind the scenes with Secretary of Defence Frank Carlucci who insisted that a two per cent increase was inevitable.

I understand that even to keep military expenditures at their present level would necessitate cutting, to offer an illustration of the magnitude of the sums involved, two aircraft carrier battlegroups now under construction.

The clash over the budget deficit with Congress will not only be hard to resolve, but exacerbating for both sides. It is the biggest problem staring into the president-elect's face. And since many Democrats blame his promise not to increase taxes for Mikhail Dukakis' defeat they will want to let him find his own solution.

They are therefore against the kind of economic summit meeting leaders of Congress held with President Reagan. In the end, though, the two will have to come together to prevent a major financial crisis that could bring down the dollar and lead to serious inflationary pressures.

In East-West relations, we can be certain about is that Bush will build on President Reagan's widely acclaimed double-barrelled policy of keeping the United States militarily strong and continuing the dialogue with Mikhail Gorbachev. Bush takes a more sceptical view of what can

be achieved in nuclear and conventional arms control than Reagan did, but he is going to pursue both with vigour.

I have discussed foreign policy with Vice-President Bush at fairly regular intervals and yet I don't find it easy to predict whether he has concepts of his own. Most likely he will build on the policy achievements of the Reagan administration.

Much more than Reagan, he will have to face up to the problem whether to ease exports and credits to help Gorbachev's perestroika or not. The Soviet Ambassador to the United States, Dubinin, has been telling American businessmen that the Soviet Union will seek agreements with the United States in the field of international security, but in trade it will rely on Western Europe and Japan, since the Jackson-Vanik amendment prevents reciprocal trade with the United States. A high State Department official, when I questioned him recently about the prospects of asking Congress to cancel the amendment, replied that if the liberalisation of Soviet exit visas to Jews continues, a new look may be taken at the offending amendment. According to Soviet figures some 60,000 visas have been issued so far this year. That is actually the figure which Senator Jackson insisted on before going ahead with his amendment.

Relations

As far as East-West and American-West European relations are concerned there exists a broad bipartisan agreement in support of the two policies in Congress. The problem of maintaining the current number of American forces in Europe is not a policy problem as it is a financial problem that will come up in the context of budgetary savings.

There are hardly any pressures to bring the "boys" home. Much will depend therefore on whether the NATO allies will be willing to share more of the financial burden of maintaining these troops in Europe. Continuity will be the Bush presidency's motto in foreign policy. But there is an umbilical cord between foreign and economic policy and much will depend on whether a serious financial crisis develops.

However, unless foreign investors deliberately sell their dollars, the likelihood is that the American economy will continue to remain strong, leading the Bush administration to come to grips with the deficit problem before a crisis or, at least, a recession sets in. It will be up to President Bush to deal with the economic sins committed by the Reagan administration.

Zimbabwe's ex-rebels battling to build new lives

By Karl Meier

NKAYI, Zimbabwe: Wielding picks to churn up the sun-baked soil, the shirtless young men looked like ordinary farmers of Zimbabwe's southwestern region, Matabeleland.

But six months ago, they were among the most wanted men in the country. Known as "disidents," they were waging a low-level guerrilla war against President Robert Mugabe's government.

Exchanging their Soviet-made AK-47 assault rifles for farming tools, the 40 ex-rebels are now battling to build a new life out of 165 acres of land at the edge of Nkayi, 170 miles from Harare, the capital.

These men were among 113 "disident" rebels who emerged from the bushlands of Matabeleland last May when Mugabe offered them amnesty. They say the turnaround in their lives is another step in bringing socialism to Zimbabwe's eight million people. "We always

believed that one day we would work the land," said Rainfall Msimanga. "The revolution did not stop with independence, and now we must work to make the revolution a reality."

Some observers say the experiment at Nkayi could hold lessons for other efforts to reintegrate rebels into society, perhaps even in war-torn neighbouring nations.

The 70 additional ex-rebels hope to copy the Nkayi programme. Ten want to set up a gold-mining co-operative. The others hope to find unused land to farm.

Mostly veterans of the nationalist war against white-ruled Rhodesia, they took up arms after independence when factional violence erupted between Mugabe's party, which is largely backed by the majority Shona tribe, and the party of Joshua Nkomo. Nkomo's party is backed by the minority Ndebele people of Matabeleland.

Last December, the two parties merged. In April, Mugabe decreed an amnesty for anti-

government guerrillas and for members of the security forces charged with human rights abuses. The rebels laid down their arms, the Army withdrew from the region, and most of the violence in Matabeleland ended.

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Church leaders shocked

# S. Africa convicts black activists

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 19, (Reuters): Church leaders reacted with shock and concern to the Supreme Court's conviction of 11 black activists of treason and terrorism after South Africa's longest trial.

Judge K. van Dijkhorst yesterday found three leaders of the largest anti-apartheid organisation, the United Democratic Front (UDF) and one other black activist guilty of treason.

Van Dijkhorst declared UDF national secretary Popo Molefe, publicity secretary Patrick Lekota, and the organisation's former Transvaal secretary Moss Chikane guilty of treason.

Thomas Manthata, who had links with black consciousness groups, was another prominent black leader found guilty of treason. The judge and one assessor also convicted Manthata and seven other men of terrorism after a 37-month trial.

The verdicts, all of which carry possible death sentences, drew gasps of concern from blacks, foreign diplomats and civil rights activists in the packed Pretoria courtroom.

They also stunned black churches, some of whom said those convicted had merely provided leadership during a campaign against a government plan to usher in a new constitution in 1984 which continued to exclude the voteless black majority.

"I am shattered by the ver-

dicts," said Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

"I know many of the men as gentle, rational people. If any of these people are sent to prison, I will not rest until I get them out," the Nobel peace prize winner told reporters.

Van Dijkhorst found that during a 1984-86 black uprising, UDF leaders sought to organise black protest involving violence to make South Africa ungovernable.

The 11 defendants were found guilty mainly of organising mass protests against rent rises and local councillors who were regarded as corrupt collaborators with white domination.

"The verdict shows that anybody involved in any protest against this system is committing treason," Frank Chikane, secretary-general of the South African Council of Churches, told Reuters.

Sentencing will not take place before Dec 5 and the defence has leave to lodge an appeal before then.

The two million-strong UDF shares the goals of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla group to overthrow white rule in South Africa, but maintains the strategy should be non-violence.

The organisation was effectively silenced a government ban last February along with 17 other anti-apartheid groups.

# Marcoses in tears as they report to FBI

HONOLULU, Nov 19, (AP): Former President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife, Imelda, have reported to the FBI to turn over financial records and submit fingerprints, palm prints, voice and handwriting samples under a US court order.

Mrs Marcos clutched a handkerchief and wiped away tears as she walked beside her husband, who was seated in a wheelchair and wearing a neckbrace. She was followed by a nurse and several aides.

The Marcoses were accompanied by two attorneys and several FBI agents who helped them make their way through a throng of journalists. The couple smiled, but refused to answer questions.

Several supporters greeted the Marcoses outside the Prince Kuhio Federal Building, including some holding signs that said, "Justice for the Marcoses."

New York attorney Richard Hibel had said Marcos would obey the order despite ill health. Hibel and attorney John Bartko of San Francisco accompanied the Marcoses, who have been indicted on federal racketeering charges.

Marcos, 71 and his wife, Imelda, 59, were indicted last month in New York City on charges they plundered \$103 million from the Philippine Treasury and defrauded US banks of \$165 million.



Ferdinand Marcos, in a wheelchair, and his wife Imelda arrive at the FBI office in Honolulu. (Reuters radiophoto)

# Bush seeks better ties with Democrats

WASHINGTON, Nov 19, (Reuters): President-elect George Bush had a friendly lunch with House Speaker Jim Wright that opened the way to better relations with Democrats who control Congress, but he concedes his honeymoon may be short-lived.

After taking part in one of the nastiest presidential campaigns in modern history, the Republican showed no signs of the bitterness that marked his fight with Michael Dukakis and other Democrats when he went to lunch yesterday.

Bush appeared determined to try to get his relations with Congress off to a good start after eight years of battles between Democrats, including Wright, and President Reagan.

Good start

Although Bush had joined disgruntled House Republicans who had called for an independent investigation of Wright's financial dealings, he was all smiles at lunch with Wright.

"I want to tell the speaker I meant it when I said I want to work closely with him and members of the House of Representatives no matter what side of the aisle they sit on," Bush said going into the session.

"I know there are going to be times when we disagree but we're going to get off to a very good start," Bush said. "I have great respect for the speaker and he knows it."

When asked if the meeting was a peace-making session, Bush said: "How can you make peace when there's no war."

House Republicans, who have been in the minority for 33 years, have been in a running feud with Wright, a Texas Democrat who they view as a heavy-handed House leader.

Last year they had unsuccessfully sought a non-congressional independent investigation of Wright's financial dealings including large royalties he received from a book. During the campaign Bush agreed with House Republicans seeking such an independent probe.

The House ethics committee has been looking into allegations regarding Wright but has not issued a report.

But there was no sign of that dispute yesterday.

Wright told reporters, "We're going to talk together and explore opportunities for a good, harmonious working relationship. I do think the country deserves one."

# Two students die in clash at Rajshahi

DHAKA, Nov 19, (AP): Secular and Muslim fundamentalist students fired pistols and hurled homemade bombs at each other, leaving two people dead and 70 injured at a university in north-western Bangladesh, police said today.

They said the fight on Friday started when a secular student ripped down a wall poster put up by the fundamentalists at Rajshahi University 192 kilometres northwest of Dhaka.

Authorities closed the university indefinitely and ordered the 8,000 students to vacate their dormitories.

"The situation in the town, especially around the campus is quite tense," a Rajshahi police officer said when contacted by telephone. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Police identified the dead students as Aslam Hussain, 23, and Ali Asghar, 20, both members of the fundamentalist Islam Chakra Shibir, a student organisation of the Jamaat-e-Islami political party.

Most of the secular students involved in the fight belonged to the central students action committee, police said.

Five of the injured were in critical condition.

# Serbs march through Belgrade in protest

BELGRADE, Nov 19, (Reuters): Thousands of Serbs singing nationalist folk songs and waving flags marched through Belgrade today to join an anti-Albanian rally expected to be the biggest demonstration in Yugoslavia's 70-year history.

Half Belgrade was sealed to traffic and police helicopters whirled overhead as protesters poured through the streets, chanting "Who says Serbia is small? Serbia is great!"

Organisers said one million people joined the rally that is support of constitutional changes to gain more control over the turbulent southern province of Kosovo — where about 100,000 ethnic Albanians staged an anti-Serbian protest last night.

The Serbian protesters denounced Kosovo leaders and pressed their demands for a reduction of the province's autonomy.

Persecution

In a 1974 constitution, Kosovo, which borders Albania, gained sweeping powers of autonomy from the Serbian republic of which it is nominally a part.

Serbian-Albanian ethnic tension, exacerbated by high unemployment and soaring inflation, erupted this year into Serbian protests against alleged Alban-

ian persecution of Serbs and a rise of Albanian nationalism and separatism.

Yesterday's Albanian rally in the provincial capital of Pristina was the largest since Albanian riots in 1981 aimed at creating their own republic.

The protesters were demanding the reinstatement of Kosovo Communist Party leaders Azem Vllasi and Kacusa Jasari, removed from their posts on Thursday under pressure from Serbia.

Flags

A Reuters correspondent in Pristina, 350 km south of Belgrade, said thousands of ethnic Albanian protesters had stayed in the capital overnight and more were flocking into town this morning in what could turn into a counter rally.

Organisers of the Belgrade rally said Serbian Communist Party chief, Slobodan Milosevic, who has spearheaded the drive to regain control over Kosovo, would speak to the crowd.

Belgrade taxis and public transport offered free rides to Serbian protesters, underlining official sponsorship of the rally by the ruling party in Yugoslavia's biggest republic.

Thousands of people arrived

by special buses and trains from other parts of Serbia. Belgrade was festooned with Yugoslav and Communist Party flags. Free refreshments were handed out to visitors from outside Belgrade.

Hospitals and clinics were reinforced with extra staff, and military guard was stepped up at Army buildings.

Machines stood idle in factories as most of the city's workers headed for the rally on the banks of the Sava River, a short distance from Yugoslav Communist Party headquarters.

Some banners echoed the grievances of workers who have staged wildcat strikes this year in protest against low pay and 236 per cent inflation, as well as against bureaucracy.

Workers of Yugoslavia, overthrow the bureaucracy from the factories to the federation," said one giant banner carried by Belgrade's Rakovica motor factory workers.

The Serbs, who number eight million in Yugoslavia but form only a 200,000 minority in Kosovo, accuse the province's 1.7 million Albanian majority of persecuting them through rape and other violence, in a bid to drive them out of the area and pave the way for an Albanian republic.

# Reagan signs bill into law

# Death for drug dealers in US

WASHINGTON, Nov 19, (Reuters): President Reagan on Friday signed into law a tough new anti-drug bill and dedicated it to his wife Nancy who fought drug abuse during his presidency by urging America's young to "just say no" to illegal drugs.

"Now in the 11th hour of this presidency, we give a new sword and shield to those whose daily business it is to eliminate from America's streets and towns the scourge of illicit drugs," Reagan said as he signed the measure.

A key provision of the bill eagerly sought by the Reagan administration allows imposition of the death penalty for killings by major drug traffickers and for the drug-related slaying

of law enforcement officers.

The death penalty for drug kingpins and the Reagan administration's record on drug enforcement were key issues in the presidential election campaign.

President-elect George Bush favoured the death penalty while his Democratic opponent Michael Dukakis opposed it and accused the administration of doing too little to combat drugs.

Penalties

The measure generally toughens criminal penalties for drug offences, authorises civil penalties for minor infractions, opens drug users as well as traffickers to punishment for their crimes and significantly expands federal drug-abuse education and treat-

ment efforts.

Reagan said it would provide up to \$1.5 billion in new funds for drug treatment and prevention programmes and another \$500 million for drug education. But Congress has so far approved only \$500 million in new spending for the current fiscal year.

The new law also creates a cabinet-level "drug czar" responsible for co-ordinating all federal anti-drug programmes.

Bush said during the campaign that he would ask Vice-President-elect Dan Quayle to co-ordinate federal drug programmes but that was before the election and before the legislation mandating such a post as part of the cabinet.

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## FILIPINO DIGEST

## SNIPPETS

## 'Marilyn' skipper in Maripipi?

NAVAL, Leyte — A man believed to be the captain of mv *Donna Marilyn* was spotted by residents last week on the island town of Maripipi, some 15 nautical miles northwest across the sub-province of Biliran.

Eleodoro Salgado, the 37-year-old skipper of the *Donna Marilyn*, was washed ashore on Maripipi together with a group of survivors last Oct 25, a day after the vessel sank.

Maripipi islanders said the man they have seen resembles the physical features of the missing captain. The man was about 5'11" tall, dark, bearded, curly hair, with a two-inch gash on the chin, wearing denim short pants and a dark T-shirt under an orange life jacket.

He was reportedly with a group of survivors but was the only one who did not give his name to rescuers, according to islanders.

Salgado was escorted by crewmembers to his room and that was the last time he saw the captain, Balais said. He added that the captain was wearing the same denim pants and dark T-shirt when he last saw him.

Meanwhile, the NBI regional office in Tacloban City has continued its search for the missing captain but its efforts proved negative.

## Bomb blast at popular discotheque

TWO persons were hurt and three expensive cars were damaged when a high-class disco house in Makati was bombed recently.

Bombed shortly before three in the morning was Faces Disco House on Passay Road and Makati Avenue. The disco house is said to be the haven of well-known persons, including politicians and movie and TV personalities.

## Santiago scores victory

IMMIGRATION Commissioner Miriam Defensor-Santiago scored a major victory when some leaders of Congress decided "to polish" instead of suspending her controversial alien legislation programme.

In a press conference, Santiago said both the Senate and House had promised to pass a bill that would require a re-registration of all aliens, which is in fact a way of legalising them.

At present, all aliens who have stayed in the country for at least six months are required to register with the Commission of Immigration and Deportation (CID).

## Thirty Pinoys arrested in Italy

THIRTY Filipino hospitality girls were arrested by Italian police in a crackdown in Pescara, Italy.

The crackdown was triggered by the arrest of two hospitality girls identified only as the Repunte sisters who possessed fake passports.

## Songfest postponed

THE third annual Filipino Songfest '88 has been postponed to Dec 2 due to unavoidable circumstances, said Songfest chairman Salvador Patunggan.

Patunggan said all finalists are requested to come for rehearsals on Nov 25 at the Mahabagay Restaurant. There are 21 finalists. For further details, contact Albert Arriola, tele. 5728000 ext. 6038.

By Nimfa U. Rueda

THREE out of four Filipinos favour the retention of the US military bases in the country, a nationwide public opinion poll showed.

The poll also showed that Defense Secretary Fidel V. Ramos has become more popular than President Aquino and that the Filipinos have lost faith in the ability of the government to recover the ill-gotten wealth of Ferdinand Marcos.

The poll, conducted in August by the Ateneo de Manila University, showed that 74 per cent of the respondents agreed that Subic naval base in Zambales and Clark Air Base in Pampanga should be allowed to remain in the country.

Eighteen per cent of those polled were against the retention of the bases while 6 per cent were undecided.

The largest number of those in favour were from Mindanao, with 82 per cent, followed by Luzon, 80 per cent, Visayas and Metro Manila, both with 68 per cent.

Results of the survey were presented to government officials, academicians and the media by Ateneo de Manila University president Fr. Joaquin Bernas SJ, at the Ateneo in Loyola Heights, Quezon City.

The survey also showed: ● An increased awareness of the presence of the bases in the country from 65 per cent in October 1987, to 73 per cent in August this year. Most aware were residents of Manila and the cities of Luzon where the two bases are located, both areas with 84 per cent.

## Stars fail to dazzle taxman

By Nick T. Gumabay

THEIR stars may shine brightly but revenue officers made no distinction in deciding to file charges against actresses Nora Aunor, Vilma Santos and Snooky Sema for failure to pay back taxes.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) said it would file criminal and civil suits against the three popular figures after they ignored its notices to settle total back taxes of P2.6 million for year 1986.

It also said similar charges will be filed soon against some 60 other movie and TV personalities for allegedly defrauding the government of millions of pesos in revenues.

Alfredo C. Sercado, Manila BIR special investigation team chief, said Santos owes the government P1.8 million while Aunor and Sema have not paid taxes amounting to P600,000 and P200,000, respectively.

Sercado said the three have been given enough time to pay their taxes but have not taken heed.

## 'Boy Asido' arrested

THE Western Police District (WPD) filed criminal charges last week before the Manila city fiscal's office against "Boy Asido," the suspected acid-thrower, who stalked the city's streets for several weeks.

Charged with serious physical injuries on three counts was Johan de Leon Adac, 24, a battery shop helper, of 674 Boni Ave., Mandaluyong, Metro Manila.

Adac was arrested last Wednesday by WPD policemen. He admitted during interrogation

## Poll shows most Filipinos want US bases to remain

● Defense Secretary Ramos has dislodged Aquino from her position as the most popular official in the country, with an approval for Ramos rating of 79 per cent. Aquino has 73 per cent.

● The President got the highest rating in rural areas (rural Visayas, 84 per cent). She got the lowest rating in Metro Manila, with 65 per cent.

● Vice-President Salvador H. Laurel got the lowest rating, with only 47 per cent expressing satisfaction with his performance in the government.

● The people are steadily losing faith in the government's ability to recover the Marcos hoard and solve the country's foreign-debt problem.

The survey showed that 46 per cent agreed with Aquino's decision not to announce her position regarding the US bases while 42 per cent disagreed and 11 per cent were undecided.

The President's rating dropped to 73 per cent from when she bounced back from a very low 55 in October last year.

Ramos was rated highest in rural Visayas, with 85 per cent and urban Mindanao, with 83 per cent. He got 80 per cent in Metro Manila, urban Visayas and rural Mindanao.

The survey showed 33 per cent were dissatisfied with the gov-

ernment's performance in its efforts to recover the Marcos ill-gotten wealth, up from 23 per cent in February and 18 per cent in October.

On the debt problem, 35 per cent were dissatisfied with the government's performance, up from 29 per cent in February and 28 per cent in October last year.

Results of the opinion poll further showed the people are generally satisfied with the livelihood, health, education and housing programmes of the government.

The survey covered 1,200 respondents from the four cities and 13 towns of Metro Manila and the 12 regions of the country. The respondents were selected through "stratified" random sampling.

Dr. Alan Ortiz, of the Ateneo's Department of Economics and Political Science, one of the participants during yesterday's presentation of the August opinion poll, said the survey results should prompt the anti-bases groups to reassess whether they represented the sentiments of the majority regarding the presence of the bases in the country.

Ortiz said the results, at the same time, should prod these groups to double their efforts in further educating the people on the bases issue.



"To avoid the inconvenience of litigation, we have issued them subpoenas *duces tecum* and gave them ample grace period to do so yet they failed to come," Sercado said.

Sercado said Aunor's lawyer tried to arrange a compromise payment of P100,000 but such was rejected by the BIR.

He said the filing of the cases against the three had been approved by BIR Commissioner Bienvenido A. Tan Jr.

"There must be a complete change of attitude among our people regarding tax payment. Each one should co-operate with the government in paying taxes if we want to progress," Sercado said.



'Boy Asido' suspected acid-thrower

Assistant Fiscal Christopher Lock said that the charges filed against Adac were for serious physical injuries, not for attempted homicide, because it appears that the respondent has no intention to kill his victims.

He recommended a bail bond of P6,000 for each case so that Adac has to post a total of P18,000 for his provisional release.

## Blinded

The charges against Cadac were filed based on the complaints of Bernardo Zaragoza, 22, Anthony Simeon, 20, a student and Ferdinand Arellano, also a student.

Zaragoza was blinded by the sulfuric acid thrown on his face last October.

28-point lead, 89-51, then just coasted to the lopsided victory.

SCORES: FIRST GAME SHELL 127 — Parks 45, Rowland 23, Cuenoco 14, Hubalde 10, Victorino 8, Manansala 8, Magsanoc 8, Dela Cruz 6, Ramirez 5, Austria 0.

ALASKA 111 — Bland 43, Boone 33, Villamin 10, Pearson 8, Saldana 7, Coloso 6, Lim 4, Relosa 0, Valenciano 0, Ravanes 0.

Quarters! 32-33; 63-57; 94-86; 127-111. Refs: A. Bartolome, L. Salac, Jr., E. De Leon.

SECOND GAME SFB 144 — Phelps 48, Black 36, Fernandez 21, Lim 14, Brown 13, Dignadice 8, Calma 4, Teng 0. PRESTO 117 — White 43, Caidie 21, Jackson 17, Jarancio 14, King 8, Cezar 8, Tuadles 2, Co 2, Cabatu 2, Santos 0, Cristobal 0.

Quarters: 32-14; 56-44; 96-78; 144-117. Refs: G. Ledesma, D. Bayais, R. Besabe.

## Oops! Sorry we've erred again

By Kathleen Callo

MANILA, (Reuter): When the word got around that a respected dictionary had described the women of the Philippines as maids, an outraged nation swung into action.

Stung to hear that 'Filipina,' the word for a female citizen of their country, had been defined as 'domestic help,' men and women of the Philippines began to fight back.

President Corason Aquino promised a formal protest to the respected Oxford University Press, the media charged racism, one funding politician branded the slap 'uncivilised and insane' and women planned nationwide demonstrations.

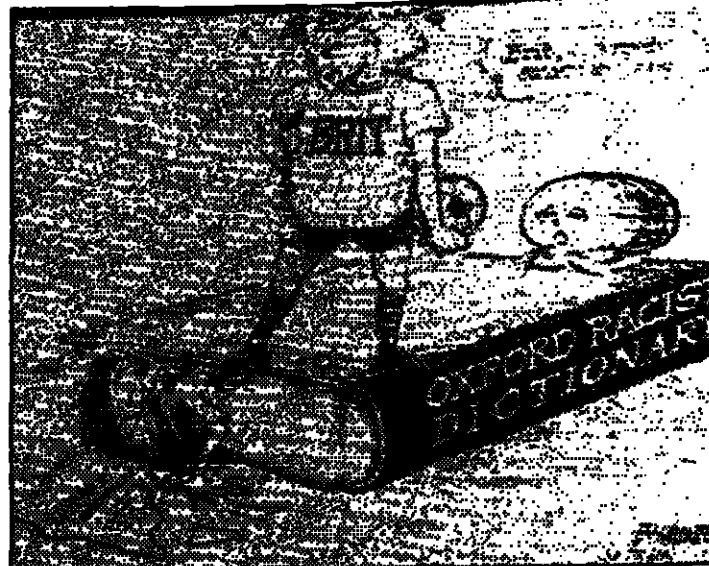
But then it emerged that the slur was nowhere to be found. Local critics scoured editions of the Oxford dictionaries but turned up no offensive references to Filipina.

Businessmen and politicians who had attacked the insult cleared their throats and said they had just assumed the rumours had been checked by somebody.

Perplexed In England, the people at Oxford were equally perplexed. "We've looked through every dictionary. We can find no reference to what they mean," said Juliet New, trade publicity manager of Oxford University Press.

She said on Tuesday that they would be sending a selec-

## Racist Oxford dictionary slur unfounded



This editorial cartoon appeared in the Manila Standard reflecting the angry reaction in the Philippines to an alleged inclusion in the Oxford dictionary of a reference to Filipinas as domestic help.

tion of the company's 300 dictionaries to President Aquino so she can check them herself.

The newspaper *Malaya*, in an editorial, said some Aquino aides should be dismissed over the mistake. "For that slip, we were presented with the spectacle of the head of the Philippine government making a fool of herself," the newspaper said.

The incident typified a shoot-from-the-hip reaction popular in a land where officials and media favour the dramatic and deal flexibly with facts.

"They scream before they check the facts," lamented one foreign diplomat. "Nobody checks the facts."

In September, a similar blunder almost brought the country to war when a Philippine Navy commander accused Malaysia of annexing six southern Philippine islands.

The senate raised a belligerent cry. Newspapers yelled for blood. Aquino despatched several Navy ships to the area.

Her speechwriter, Teodoro Locsin, who also publishes the

Philippine Globe newspaper, called Malaysians 'brown monkeys' and 'niggers' in editorials before someone discovered the commander had misread a navigation map and that no islands had been snatched.

The commander was sacked. In hindsight, the recent dictionary saga may reflect oversensitivity towards the overseas image of a nation that sends over 80,000 Filipino domestic helpers abroad each year to work.

As the incident was unfolding, the Manila Standard daily carried a cartoon showing a book labelled 'Oxford racist dictionary.'

Editor-in-chief Alejandro Del Rosario later said it might be 'a lot of ado over nothing,' but explained that such reactions were fuelled by frustration at seeing fellow citizens work as servants.

Some Manila residents seem too fond of the rumour to let it drop. The Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry helped begin the dictionary saga in a series of written resolutions presented at its yearly conference.

Victor Lim, president of the chamber, admits that no one in his group has seen the definition, but he said there would be no correction or apology.

Indeed, Lim Plans to stick with the story, perhaps changing only the name of the reference work.

"It might have been Webster," he said.

## Envoy rapped for speaking out of turn

FOREIGN Secretary Raul S. Manglapus recently chided the Soviet ambassador to the Philippines for suggesting that the Philippines could lead the way to the establishment of a "zone of peace, freedom, and neutrality" in Southeast Asia by refusing talks with the US government for continued US use of Philippine bases after 1991.

Foreign Secretary Manglapus was quoted as saying that Ambassador Oleg Sokolov committed an act that is "not proper." The former, who is not given to the use of intemperate language, could not have been more diplomatic in the circumstances.

In a recent speech at the University of the Philippines, Ambassador Sokolov kept up his barrage against the US military presence in the country. He reportedly spoke before a markedly receptive audience.

The USSR is meanwhile, pursuing its diplomatic campaign for joint Philippine-Soviet economic projects, bunkering rights in the Philippines, and Philippine consent to the establishment of Soviet consulates in Cebu and Mindanao.

## Opposition

Some senators and congressmen, who advocate "expanded trade" with the USSR and its East European satellites, are encountering stiff opposition from legislators who deride the mode of commerce with communist countries. The opponents argue that the communist countries do not engage in normal commerce, but in "barter trade" or "counter trade," which would only cut into the country's line of exports that fetch much-needed foreign exchange.

Economists on the public and the private sectors warn against the danger of accepting as payment for Philippine exports communist-made machinery and equipment that are of dubious technology and practical value to Philippine industry. (ANFI).

## Study reveals startling facts 60-80 per cent of national wealth controlled by elitist two per cent

FROM 60 to 80 per cent of the national wealth is controlled by only two per cent of the Philippines' 58 million population today.

The finding which further substantiates the kind of poverty gripping majority of Filipinos is from a study commissioned by the Metro Manila-based Asian Development Bank.

Conducted by two foreign companies, the study sought to determine whether efforts at developing a capital market in the Philippines would be feasible.

Conclusion of Jardine Fleming Holdings Ltd. of Hong Kong and Russell & Co. of New York, the entities which undertook the survey: It would be extremely difficult if not impossible to develop such a market under present economic circumstances of most Filipinos.

Foundation of a domestic capital market is the mobilised savings of majority of Filipinos. Such a market services capital needs of various industrial enterprises. They invest their money in such funds which pay them rates of interest more attractive than those offered by banks.

However, mutual funds must be credible and reliable to win trust of small investors. The past experience with such funds in the

country has been disastrous. Those who invested in them lost their money because those who operated such funds lacked the required efficiency.

The ADB funded survey found that inability of most Filipinos to save part of their earnings constitutes the biggest obstacle to efforts at mobilising funds for a capital market.

It estimates that only about a million, out of 58 million Filipinos are able to save and invest some of their income today.

However, the study argues that there are still substantial savings out there. It is mostly in the hands of the more industrious and thrifty but low-income rural folk. If properly motivated to place their savings in banks, such resources can be tapped for capital formation or market.

Sources of such an information are identified by the survey as experts in the local securities industry, financial and business community, legal practitioners, government and international organisations who were respondents in the study.

The respondents, described by the study as belonging to the country's "rich circle," reportedly admitted that there is a

skewed distribution of wealth in the Philippines, meaning only a few are well-off while the majority are poor.

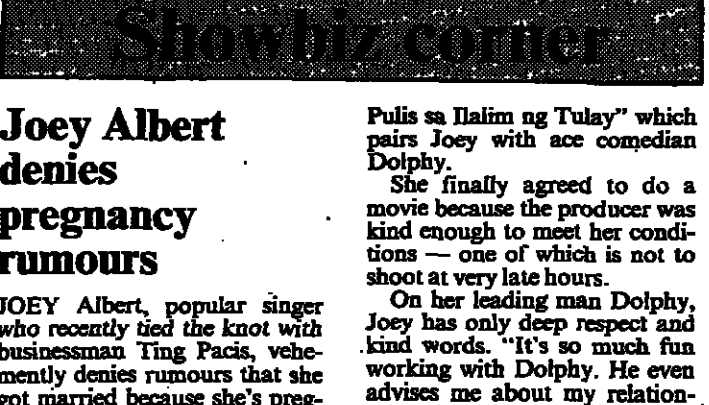
However, the respondents disagreed that only one million Filipinos control wealth of the country. They claimed an "additional 10 per cent," according to the study.

In terms of ability to invest, the study reports that only those in the uppermost income bracket are the "only Filipinos who have the ability to absorb the risks" inherent in investing in the stock market.

The study also looked into the number of insurance policy holders in the country to further determine ability of Filipinos to save. It found about three million policies in force at the time of the survey. The policies included such pre-ned plans as for burial expenses and college education of children.

Another finding is that 50 per cent of the elite, meaning the rich citizens, reside in Metro Manila with the "balance split more or less between Cebu and Davao," it said.

"The remainder of the Philippine population is living at the margin and simply has no ability to save capital," the study reports.



## Joey Albert denies pregnancy rumours

JOEY Albert, popular singer who recently tied the knot with businessman Ting Pacis, vehemently denies rumours that she got married because she's pregnant.

A showbiz personality who values the sacrament of marriage, Joey said that a girl need not get pregnant to settle down.

"I have nothing against those people who get pregnant before marriage. They may have their reasons for doing so. In my case, I believe that having a baby should be confined within the sacrament of marriage."

Besides, as a celebrity, I don't want to mislead the young people that it's perfectly all right to get pregnant even if she is not married.

"I cannot blame the press either for having speculated about my pregnancy. In showbiz, getting pregnant has become one of the most 'in' things," Joey said.

## Adjusted

Joey has adjusted to marital life perfectly well. Hopefully, by next year she and Ting will be ready to have their first baby. At the moment they still have to attend to so many things. In fact, right after their honeymoon, Joey started working right away with her ballroom concert. From here, she started shooting for Regal Films "May Pulis, May

Pulis sa Ilalim ng Tulay" which pairs Joey with ace comedian Dolphy.

She finally agreed to do a movie because the producer was kind enough to meet her conditions — one of which is not to shoot at very late hours.

On her leading man Dolphy, Joey has only deep respect and kind words. "It's so much fun working with Dolphy. He even advises me about my relationship with my husband. At times, at the end of a shooting day, he'd ask me to hurry up so I can go home and find time to cook for Ting. One time, Dolphy told me not to worry about how delicious my cooking is because husbands normally eat (whether good food or not) whatever their wives serve them," Joey said.

## Advertising models make it big

WHY DO so many talents in TV commercials become showbiz stars?

First, local advertising and entertainment have similar criteria for choosing talents — good looks, "fresh" appeal, a "tissy" profile, a generally youthful air, and engaging personality. No great acting ability required or expected!

Commercials are shown very frequently on TV, and this quickly makes "household faces" if not names, of its lead talents. Showbiz producers consider this a great advantage, since they don't have to spend millions to get the new talents in the public eye.



Julio Diaz: from commercials to movies

Many commercials produced these days are "mini-movies" with storylines and all, and show the talents "acting" very much like they will be required to do in films. An increasing number of TV spots are now being directed by feature-film directors. Thus, commercials are veritable "screen tests" for future stars (Alice Dixon, etc.) and also generate new interest in stars whose careers haven't been getting anywhere (Julio Diaz).

Since commercial talents are "raw" personalities who are new to the ways of showbiz, they can generally be signed up for a fraction of what movie-wise stars and their managers would demand. This makes them very appealing indeed to budget-conscious producers.

The problem with this symbiotic relationship between commercials and the movies is the fact that it perpetuates the "homogenized" look of our film stars. Most of them are picture-pretty, but with not much character to them. They can play pleasant types, but more complex characterization escapes them.

## PBA basketball Shell end losing streak

By Chito de la Vega

SHELL Rimula X Diesel flattened Alaska Milk with a run-and-gun rampage to prevail, 127-111, and snapped a four-game losing streak at the start of the semifinals round of the PBA Reinforced Conference at the ULTRA.

The Oilers netted a conference-best of 51 points on fast-breaks alone en route to registering their sixth win in 11 games and gaining solo third place.

The Milksters, on the other hand, absorbed their third straight defeat to drop to the bottom of the double-round carryover semis with a 5-6 record.

Shell raced to two 12-point spreads in the early going, the last at 57-45, in the second quarter.

A jackrabbit start by Alaska, highlighted by Willie Bland's two triples, sent the Oilers trailing, 71-65, before Derrick Rowland canned seven in a nine-point burst to give back the lead to Shell for good, 74-73, midway

in the third quarter. What ended Alaska's hopes of staging a rally was a 13-4 Oilers' run that gave the latter their biggest lead at 113-96, 5:03 remaining.

Though Alaska won the battle of the boards, 61-65, with the league's top rebounder David Boone hauling 22, the Oilers made up for the deficit by sparkling in the assist department, 32-18, with eight of them dished out by point-guard Ronnie Magsanoc.

What promised to be a thrilling night turned into a sleeper when San Miguel Beer drowned Presto Ice Cream, 114-117, in the other game.

With their victory, the eight in 11 outings, the Beermen grabbed the solo lead while the Ice Cream Makers absorbed their fourth loss in 11 games to drop to solo second.

The Beermen, behind Michael Phelps, Norman Black, Ramon Fernandez and Samboy Lim, poured on the heat in the third period when they streaked to a

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## Taking charge of your life

# Some questions to ask your doctor

By Dr Lawrence C. Horowitz

If you're sick and need help, it's vital that you select the right doctor and, by extension, the right hospital, the right laboratory, the right treatment.

The purpose of this article is to show you how to do it. The process is called taking charge.

There are people today who will lose their lives not because of their diseases, but because of the level of their doctor's knowledge, experience or skill.

Walking through a doctor's door without taking charge is playing Russian roulette with your health.

Selecting a physician is one thing; monitoring his care is quite another. Taking charge requires knowing at all times what is going on — what is to be done to you and why — and fully understanding all your options.

To take charge, you must be able to talk freely with your doctor, ask appropriate questions and persist until you clearly understand his answers.

Many physicians are not used to viewing patients as partners or as equals. They may want to give you the feeling of participating in decisions without truly allowing you to participate. For this reason, it is important to establish early in your relationship the kind of patient you are going to be and the kind of communication you will insist upon.

This should be done in a friendly way, but remember that the goal is to get your doctor to see you as a decision-making partner. Don't let him do things to you without explaining them first. There is no such thing as too much information about your own condition.

**Questions to ask at regular checkups**

Health maintenance, the effort to prevent illness, is an important component of medical care.

If you see your doctor only when you're sick, you're asking for trouble. Far better to detect cancer before it causes symptoms than after. Far better to detect diabetes in a routine examination than after a high blood sugar test has caused a painful complication.

Ask your doctor about his approach to health maintenance. What does he routinely check for? Ask him, after each checkup, to tell you the status of your major organ systems: heart, lungs, neurological system, kidneys and urinary tract, reproductive organs, musculoskeletal system, skin, eyes, ears, nose and throat.

What tests does he routinely perform? At the very least, they should include taking your blood pressure, checking your urine, running routine blood analyses (including your blood lipids and cholesterol levels) and testing for blood in your stool.

How often, according to your doctor, should each test and X-ray be repeated? Why does he recommend these frequencies? Each time you have a checkup, be sure he compares how you are today with how you were on previous visits. Ask him to explain any changes. Each time you undergo a test, obtain a written copy of the result. This protects you if your test result is lost, misplaced or inadvertently overlooked by your doctor.

Finally, ask your doctor what information about yourself you should carry at all times. You should certainly know your blood type. What about your normal blood-pressure range? Your blood lipids? In an emergency, is there anything you need to tell another doctor to keep him from misinterpreting any chronic condition you may have?

to monitor your progress. What tests will be done, and how often? What does he expect to learn from them? How often will he have to see you? What laboratory facilities does he use, and why?

If your doctor understands from the outset that you want to understand both the process and the content of your care, you will find it easier to get the information you need.

When the diagnosis is unclear, or if the doctor can't tell you precisely what's wrong, ask him to outline his plan for finding out. What tests does he want to run? What X-rays does he want to take? What information does he hope to get from them?

The purpose of this probing is not to show up your doctor but to help you get a feeling for whether he is proceeding logically or has no real rationale for what he proposes to do. Ideally, your questions will compel him to assess realistically whether he needs outside help to reach a correct diagnosis.

**Questions to ask about the treatment of a specific problem**

It's one thing to know what's wrong. It's another to know what to do about it. You must know what your doctor is trying to do and why, and you must fully understand the treatment you will be given.

Let's use prescription drugs as an example: Never swallow a pill unless you know what it will do to you. Ask why you need it and why this particular medication was chosen. See if there are alternatives. Every single drug has risks as well as benefits, and you need to know what they are.

Make sure you know what could be a sign of impending trouble: Is it a headache, a stomachache, insomnia, blurred vision? You should know not only how to take the drug correctly, but also when to stop taking it.

Before you swallow any pill, you should know whether it must be taken at meals or between them, whether it can be mixed with common over-the-counter medications such as aspirin or antacid tablets, and whether it will interact with other prescription drugs.

There are particular questions to ask when your doctor wants to give you an antibiotic. Antibiotics are effective against bacteria, not viruses, but are routinely prescribed for viral infections anyway. Take sore throats, for example. The overwhelming majority of sore throats — more than 95 per cent — are caused by viruses.

Your doctor can find out whether a sore throat is caused by a bacterium or a virus by taking a throat culture. But many people want to take antibiotics for a sore throat, and many doctors feel it's easier to write a prescription than to put the patient to the expense of a throat culture. As a result, millions of doses of antibiotics are taken unnecessarily every year. Society suffers because misusing and overprescribing antibiotics has hastened the development of resistant strains of bacteria.

Moral: Don't take antibiotics unless your doctor has identified a bacterial infection the drug can kill.

Once you begin a treatment, how will you know if it's working? If your illness is marked by pain, swelling or a specific symptom you can see and monitor, how long should it be before the symptom goes away? If it does go away, should you continue the treatment for the prescribed period of time? Ask your doctor. If you know what to expect, you can spot a problem and call it to his attention as soon as it

occurs.

**Questions to ask before agreeing surgery**

You may find talking to your surgeon more difficult than talking to your primary-care physician. Your surgeon is likely to be someone with whom you have no prior relationship and whom you selected strictly for his technical competence. Difficult as the communication may be, however, it is absolutely essential.

The first important discussion may be the hardest. It is during this one that you must challenge the need for the surgery. You must ask why it is necessary and if any non-surgical alternatives exist, and you must ask the surgeon to describe exactly what he will do and what risks are involved.

You also need to know your surgeon's experience with the procedure and that of the hospital in which he practices.

Then it gets harder. After you've challenged the need for the surgery and questioned him about his track record, look him in the eye and tell him you want a second opinion. He shouldn't be offended, because second opinions have become almost routine in the practice of surgery.

When you get a second opinion, you should be as thorough in your questions as you were with the first surgeon. You might start off by saying you're not convinced about the need for surgery. Couldn't your condition get better on its own? Aren't there alternatives that should be tried first? It is always helpful if the second surgeon is not aware of the first surgeon's recommendation. He should know the problem, or course, and that he's being asked for a second opinion. But there's no reason, at the outset, for him to know what the first opinion was.

If the second surgeon concurs in the need for surgery, see if his description of the procedure and assessment of the risks are consistent with what the first doctor told you. Ask him what an acceptable track record would be. Ask him if he knows the first surgeon's hospital and what he thinks of it.

Finally, ask him what he thinks the consequences will be if you don't have the surgery. If living with the problem is compatible with your life-style and overall good health, you may decide against surgery. An operation on a bad knee, for example, might be important to someone who wants to get back to the tennis court but irrelevant to others.

If you are persuaded that the surgery is necessary and your surgeon is the right person for the job, and if you thoroughly understand what will be done to you, it is time to move on to different kinds of questions.

**Questions to ask before and after the surgery**

Before the operation, you should know what to expect when you wake up. How will you feel? What is normal? What is not? Where will you be? What will be done to you? What tubes will be in you? When will your

bodily functions return to working order?

Be sure your surgeon is fully aware of all other medical conditions you have, all medications you are taking and any allergies you have to drugs. Whether your surgeon suggests it or not, it's a good idea to ask your primary-care doctor to look in on you during the post-operative period.

When the surgery is over and your recovery is complete, make sure a full set of records is sent to your primary-care physician. You might even want to get one set for yourself. If you're confronted with another medical problem at some other time, showing those records may be essential to your getting the best possible care.

**Questions to ask when a consultant is called in**

Too often a consultant saves his detailed report for the referring doctor and gives you a brief summary. Don't allow that to happen.

Begin by making it clear to your primary-care doctor what you expect from the consulting process. He can then tell the consultant at the outset that you are taking charge. You should confirm this with the consultant.

**Making a diagnosis.** Ask what the physical exam, lab tests and X-rays show. Ask about the possible causes of your symptoms. Which does he think is the most likely? Why? What additional tests would help him confirm his suspicion? Most important, ask him if the problem is best corrected at the level of care you are receiving. Would additional consultants be useful? Would a university hospital setting be preferable? At what point would the next level of care be appropriate?

The consultant may be reluctant to recommend transferring responsibility for your case away from your primary care doctor, so you must raise the issue. He may assure you that your present hospital is more than adequate to handle your problem; on the other hand, if you give him this opportunity to comment, he may find it easier to recommend a change in your treatment.

**Advising a treatment.** When you seek a consultant's advice about treatment for an already diagnosed problem, your questions will be slightly different. You want to find out if a scientific consensus exists on the best treatment for the problem or whether several different approaches are sometimes tried. Ask if there is any promising research in this area and what, if any, experimental treatments are being evaluated. You may find a doctor who says, "The conventional way of treating this is 'A' but I've had much better success with 'B'." If you hear that, beware. He might be right, but he must prove to you that his way is better than almost everyone else's.

Some doctors use outmoded, even discredited, therapies. Others are at the frontiers of medicine, developing the accepted treatments of

tomorrow. You need to know which kind of doctor you have. When a treatment has been proposed and accepted, ask the consultant how it should be carried out and monitored. How will you know if it is succeeding or failing? What are the early signs of possible trouble?

**Evaluating treatment failure.** Nothing is more frustrating than thinking a problem is solved and finding it isn't. Ask the consultant if he concurs in the diagnosis and whether another factor, in addition to what has been diagnosed, might be at work in your case.

When the consultation is over, compare notes with your primary-care doctor. Be sure that his understanding of what was found and recommended is the same as yours. It's a good idea, whenever possible, to end the consultation with a group meeting that includes you, your doctor and your consultant. If there is a difference of opinion between the two physicians, hearing them discuss it may help you to decide which course to follow. In most cases, though a disagreement of this kind should lead you to obtain yet another opinion.

**Questions to ask when you are seriously ill and told, "There is nothing more to be done."**

Every doctor reaches a point at which he will say there's nothing more he can do. This is the hardest of all times to think about taking charge, but it is the time when taking charge can literally save your life. For when a doctor says there is nothing more he can do, it's not necessarily true that nothing more can be done by anyone.

Never accept someone else's judgement that you've reached the end of the line, that there are



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no options left. You must come to that judgement by yourself, after you have fought as hard as you can to find out if someone, somewhere might be able to help.

If your doctor says there's no more to be done, ask him if he's talked to his colleagues or consulted with the known experts on the disease. Ask whether there is active research going on in this area and whether any experimental treatment programmes exist. Tell him you understand he may be right but that you're not ready to give up.

What can be gained from this conversation? Surely if he knew of anything else to try, he would

have done it already, right? Wrong.

He might have, of course, and he might be correct in his assessment of your situation. But he might not have. He might have made a value judgement about not putting you through more tests, more treatments, more operations, because the slim chance of success was outweighed by the difficulties and risks of the treatment. He might have decided that your quality of remaining life should not be sacrificed for so little chance of success. But it's not his value judgement that makes it yours. What he thinks is right cannot substitute

for what you think. When you are confronted with death, the quality of your remaining life may be far less important to you than taking any chance, no matter how unpleasant.

Sometimes, when it's clear to him that you intend to press on, he will renege in the effort. In other situations, he will help you find the best place to go to give it one last-ditch try.

Most of the time, when your doctor gives up, it is with good reason. Most of the time, in fact, he will be right. But most of the time is not necessarily your time, so ask the questions, get another evaluation and hope for the best.

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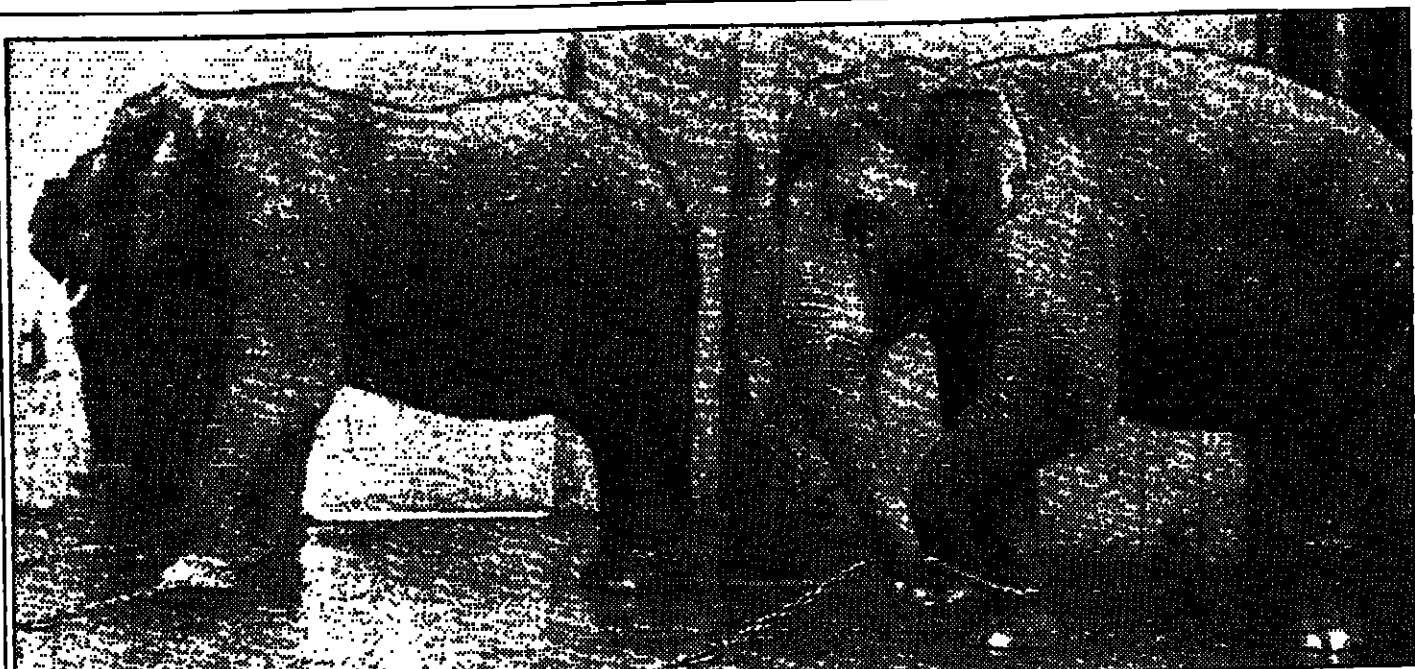
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## WILDLIFE



Elephants in chains at Munster Zoo in West Germany.

## EEC report reveals appalling conditions

## Europe's zoos in shocking state

By Joanna Sheldon

THE FIRST comprehensive survey of zoos in Europe has revealed shocking conditions in all the EEC countries visited.

More than 1,000 registered zoos containing an estimated one million animals were visited during 12 months of intensive research. Not one was classified as "really good".

The survey, funded by the EEC and British animal welfare charity Zoo Check, revealed there were almost 800 unregistered zoos.

Depressing. Inspectors found "depressing" standards of welfare, education and conservation. Previous figures published in the International Zoo Yearbook indicated that there were only 218 zoological collections in the EEC.

The actual number found was 1,007.

The report, compiled by independent inspector Richard Straton, former assistant curator at Marwell Zoo, Hampshire, aimed to establish the number, types, and conditions of zoos as well as the legislation, if any, controlling them.

Results of the inspections

were "extremely disappointing," according to Straton.

"Some were better than others, but some were appalling," he said.

"Many of the zoos displayed sheer ignorance. Ignorance of the animals' basic needs, ignorance of design and ignorance of the amount of money needed to keep them."

Straton found:

● Enclosures badly designed and too small for animals to exercise in or perform natural functions.

● Enclosures built of the wrong basic materials, some in a dangerous condition.

● Animals used to wide open spaces were being kept in pits where they could only see walls and sky.

● Animals denied visual or aural contact with the outside world.

A gorilla in the Giardini Zoologica di Roma in Italy was being kept behind glass in a barred enclosure with virtually no light.

And in the sterile pens at the De Limburg Zoo in Genk-Zwartberg, Belgium, Straton recorded in the report that the primates were "the most lifeless, or psychotic, I have ever

witnessed in any zoo."

In some cases the cages were so badly designed that animals could not be taken in and out.

Straton cited an example from his own zoo when two black rhinos died in their cages and had to be physically cut into pieces to remove them.

Many of the enclosures took no account of the animals' natural habits — for example digging, climbing or flying.

Straton also noted that at



A monkey escapes captivity at Pistoia Zoo in Italy.

many zoos the animals' diets were totally unsuitable.

Their social needs were also largely ignored. Animals that normally live in groups were often kept singly.

Elephants and apes were a prime example.

Habitats were also not taken into consideration, with desert animals kept in dense shruberies and rainforest species in dry bare cages. Weather conditions were ignored.

Inadequate

At the Giardini Zoologica di Napoli in Italy polar bears had to endure temperatures of over 40°C in the summer, while Griffon vultures which can withstand extremely high temperatures were confined in roofed aviaries with no access to the sun, as in the Iraklio Zoo at Heraklion, Greece.

Legislation governing zoos was also woefully inadequate.

Several countries have few or no law. Even in Britain where the regulations are the most stringent, Straton said they were often being "blatantly ignored".

Education and conservation was rarely taken into consideration, and many cages were mis-labelled, if at all.

## Poaching threatens Tanzania's wildlife

By Buchizya Mseteka

DAR ES SALAAM (Reuters): Relentless game poaching has drastically cut elephant and rhino populations in Tanzania, whose reserves once contained vast numbers of these magnificent beasts.

The huge Selous game reserve was home to 110,000 elephants in 1980. By 1987, poaching had cut the number by half.

The dismal pattern shown in these latest official figures has been repeated up and down the country. Ruaha reserve in central Tanzania has lost half of its 20,000 elephants over the last seven years.

Mkomazi reserve in the north is nearly bereft. "We now have a total of 90 elephants from the 2,800 we had in 1977 and even these are likely to disappear because the war against poachers is not being fully

waged due to contradictions in government policy," Costa May said, Tanzania's principal game management officer.

The rhinoceros has fared no better. May said Tanzania had lost 90 per cent of its rhinos to poachers who sell the horn for dagger handles in Yemen and traditional medicines in the Far East.

Only 200 rhinos remained in northern Ngorongoro Crater National Park and a further 300 were scattered in other areas, he said.

## Extinction

"One cannot rule out the extinction of these poor creatures in a few more years unless everyone involved works and works really hard to prevent it from happening," said May, who was former President Julius Nyerere's personal adviser on wildlife.

Iain Douglas-Hamilton, a

Kenya-based wildlife expert, said Selous reserve had a population of 5,000 to 6,000 rhinos in 1976, but virtually none were left.

Official estimates that Tanzania still had more than 65,000 elephants and 500 rhinos were probably over-optimistic, he said.

Government wildlife officials and foreign conservationists say that unless more money is spent to protect Tanzania's endangered species, the government's game department may lose its war against highly organised poaching gangs.

"Unless the poaching trends are arrested Tanzania's tourism industry will come to an abrupt halt," one West German volunteer helping to fight poachers in the Selous reserve said.

May said game rangers were poorly equipped and the

government's annual budget of 1.5 billion shillings (\$150,000) for battling poaching was woefully inadequate to tackle the well-armed gangs with international connections and millions of dollars at their disposal.

"The case with our government seems to be one where the left hand does not know what the right is doing. And all this is happening at a time when international commercialisation is getting more organised and dealing a severe blow to our elephant and rhino populations," May said.

May acknowledged that poaching and associated corruption had permeated Tanzanian society.

He cited the case of a priest arrested in possession of 224 elephant tusks and member of parliament Ali Yussuf Abdurabi arrested while transporting 105 tusks in his official vehicle.

## World's largest turtle found

By Michael Fleet

A LEATHERBACK turtle weighing almost a ton, found on a Welsh beach a month ago and now officially recognised as the biggest to be recorded, is expected to reveal more than ever previously known about the giant reptiles.

The discovery of the 9ft long turtle, which at 2,016 lb is more than 100lb heavier than the previous record, has excited interest around the world and a team of American conservationists is helping British experts examine it in Cardiff.

Mr Peter Morgan, keeper of zoology at the National Museum of Wales, pictured above (left) with Mr Christopher Leggin, founder of the American Leggin Institute for Endangered Species, said: "Very little is known about the



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leatherback.

"The one found in Wales could provide many of the answers, and samples are to be sent to scientists in several countries for investigation."

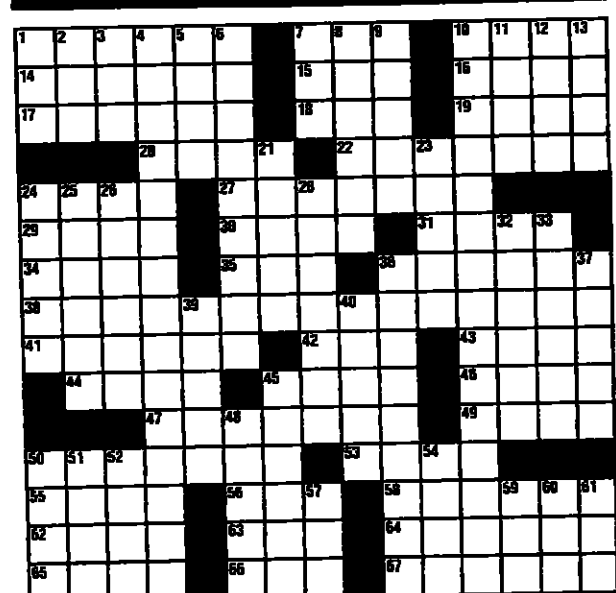
Mr Leggin said: "We are

setting up a satellite tracking system and are hoping fishermen will co-operate by telling us if they catch a leatherback in their nets. These will then be tagged and released."

A record 30 leatherbacks have

been found in British and Irish waters this year, in search of their staple food of jellyfish, brought here by unusual currents and weather systems. Most of those washed up on beaches die after being hit by boats.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Hold
  - Celtic group
  - Sham
  - Corn or form
  - beginning
  - Belgian
  - Tantalizer
  - City transits
  - Novelist
  - Turgenev
  - Martinez
  - Come forth
  - Wrangle
  - Incident
  - Mackerel family
  - food fish
  - Ordnance items
  - "Thin Man" series dog
  - Soviet sea
  - Fed. collector
  - Leone
  - Africa
  - Durango dog
  - Vichy premier: 1940-44
  - Uncommon
  - Rara
  - Unusual thing
  - "Dinah" for one
  - Cheese from France
  - Zero amount
  - Statehouse
  - Allowance for waste, formerly
  - Left hastily
  - Your majesty!
  - Operatic role
  - Ill. time
  - Standard
  - Irish
  - "Town"
  - Wilder play
  - One of the Kennedys
  - French
  - Emulate
  - Mata Hari
- DOWN**
- Six line stanza
  - Detailed acct.
  - Siam follower
  - Subject of Colonial tax
  - Swimming stroke
  - Brainstorm
  - elkhound
  - Be sorry for
  - Except
  - Thingamajig
  - Decorative lamp
  - Volcano's output
  - Smell
  - Hawaii's state bird
  - Despise
  - Legendary Robin
  - Letter adjunct
  - Soupy mixtures
  - Have — grind
  - Briefly
  - Actor Howard
  - Deadly gas
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  - Expert
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## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

SAFE—AND SORRY!

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ 9 7 4 3  
♥ K 2  
♦ Q 10 9 6  
♣ 5 3 2

**WEST**  
♠ Q 8 5 2  
♥ A 10 8 7 3  
♦ 5 2  
♣ J 4

**EAST**  
♠ J 10 6  
♥ Q 9 4  
♦ K 7 3  
♣ Q 10 9 8

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K  
♥ J 6 5  
♦ A J 8 4  
♣ A K 7 6

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass  
3 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♣

It is comforting to declarer at a no trump contract to have a sure trick in the opening leader's suit. But sometimes the whole hand dictates giving up that security blanket in favor of a chance to make the contract.

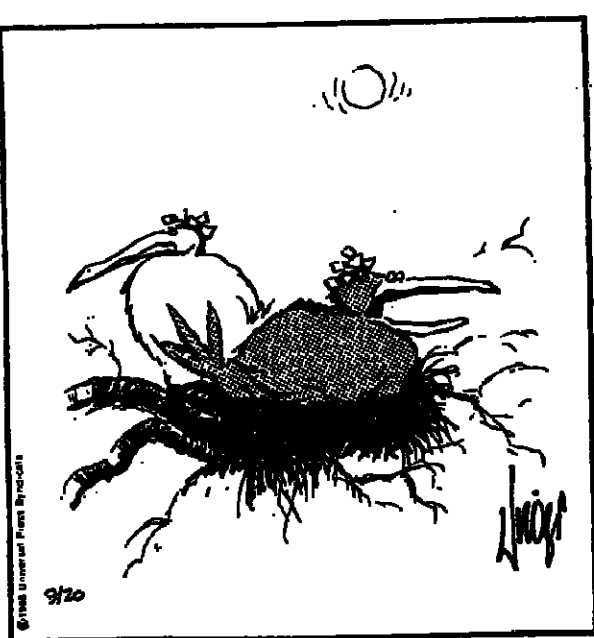
South had a difficult rebid problem. All in all, his jump to three no trump was a practical solution, despite the fact that he really didn't have a heart stopper. However, there were any number of hands that partner might hold which would compensate for the deficiency.

and the opponents might lead some other suit.

West led his fourth-best heart, and declarer saw that he could make sure of a heart trick by playing low from dummy. Guaranteeing that one trick cost the contract. East took his queen and returned the suit. West rose with the ace and cleared hearts, and declarer found that he had no way to get dummy for the diamond finesse. He could come to only two spade tricks, one heart, three diamonds and two clubs, for a total of eight tricks.

Had declarer counted his tricks, he would have seen that the prospects of making game without four diamond tricks were slim indeed. What was needed urgently was an entry to dummy, and the only possible card to serve that purpose was the king of hearts. Therefore, declarer should have eschewed the "sure" trick in hearts in favor of the risky play of flying up with the king at trick one. True, that risked not making a trick in hearts if the ace and queen were reversed. As the cards lay, however, valor would have prevailed.

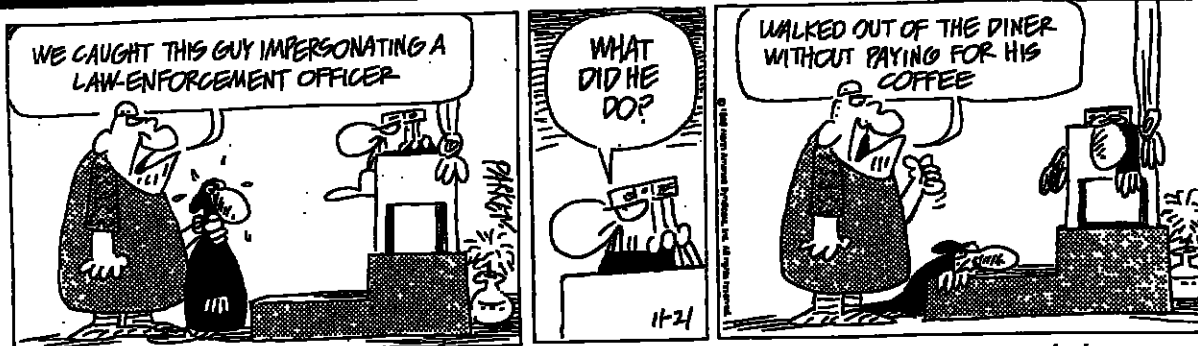
When the king of hearts wins, it is a simple matter to pick up the king of diamonds via repeat finessses. That extra trick in diamonds is just enough to bring declarer's total to nine.



"They're all the same. ... As soon as I laid the egg, he was off."

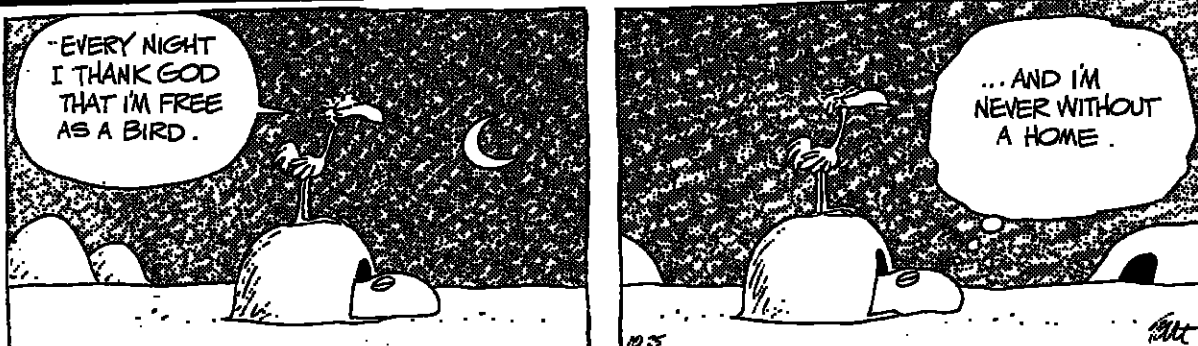
## THE WIZARD OF ID

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By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The Moon's better influence will help you to make good use of your energies. You will have a good idea which will solve a persistent problem. Take good care of your health. Be resilient.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should avoid all kinds of exaggeration. You will find it a little harder to make up your mind. Do not place too much reliance on your intuition. Be more patient.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be better able to assert your personalities. However, you should not try to dominate everything and everyone. Do not allow your attention to wander. Be observant.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will not be quite at your best so try to take it easy. And do your utmost not to get into an argument. Have a good laugh at yourself. Be less fussy.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be better able to get a move on. You should beware of saying something out of turn. Try to avoid getting into a muddle. Be tolerant.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

The situation is quite good but there is no room for errors just now. You will be able to do something a little different. Make sure you do not neglect your health. Be courteous.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You should not take everything quite so seriously. Venus' better influence will help you to keep calm. You should not make a nuisance of yourself. Be magnanimous.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will feel more sure of yourself. You will be able to resume contact with someone with whom you lost touch some years ago. You will be able to express yourself more clearly. Be resolute.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will be able to effect a reconciliation between two friends who have quarrelled. You should relax without being lethargic. Do not let others dictate to you but do listen to their opinions. Be sincere.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will be able to do something you have long wished to do. You should avoid eating too many sweet things and more fruit. Refrain from spending more than you can readily afford. Be solicitous.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will be able to have an interesting and restful day. Think twice before you make any changes but do not eschew them altogether. You cannot both have the cake and eat it. Be gentle.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

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## Moscow seeks Rolls-Royce engines for commercial jet

LONDON, Nov 19, (Reuters): Soviet officials have held talks with Rolls-Royce aimed at acquiring engines for a new Soviet aircraft but the British firm said yesterday it was too early to talk about any deal.

"We have talked to the Russians occasionally and have had discussions on the possible application of the RB 211-535E4 engine to the Ilyushin 96-300," Rolls-Royce said.

The British aeroengine maker initially said there did not appear to be any opportunity for a deal and the matter was not being pursued. But a spokesman later issued a statement that appeared to leave the door open for future negotiations.

**Markets**

He said the company was constantly seeking new markets and was aware of the opportunities that exist in the Soviet Union. "We hold discussions with the Soviet Union from time to time to explore a number of potential civil-aero opportunities," he said. "At this stage, there is nothing definitive to report."

The Rolls-Royce engine sought by the Soviet Union also powers the America's Boeing 757.

According to the British magazine Flight International, the Ilyushin 96-300 made its first flight last month. It said there have been production delays on its Soviet-built engines.

Supply of Rolls-Royce engines or know-how to Moscow would have to be examined by the Paris-based Co-ordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (COCOM) which monitors technology exports with potential military uses to the East bloc.

**Controls**

COCOM, which groups Japan and all NATO members except Iceland, is divided over the extent of the controls with some countries calling for an easing of restrictions in order to cash in on the East bloc economic reforms.

Earlier this year, COCOM approved the sale of the European Airbus A320 to East Germany and Boeing aircraft to Poland's flag-carrier Lot.

## Renewed decline in currency no cause for great alarm

## Analysts not spooked by dollar slide

NEW YORK, Nov 19, (Agencies): Although it has shaken up the securities markets, many Wall Street analysts say the renewed decline in the dollar is no cause for great alarm.

The dollar's slump in foreign exchange, which took it on Thursday to the verge of a modern low against the Japanese yen, intensified after the US election early this month.

And it was widely attributed to worries, especially among foreign investors, about what actions the administration of president-elect George Bush would take to cut the federal budget deficit.

But many observers say the circumstances don't justify any big surge of pessimism. "We believe that the outburst of hysteria about both the budget and the dollar are unwarranted," said Edward Yardeni, economist at Prudential-Bache Securities.

The debate over what action Bush might adopt to reduce the budget deficit ignores the fact

that measures already have been taken in that direction, Yardeni observed.

The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act of 1985 is already on the books mandating steady reductions in the budget deficit over the next several years.

Worries also have surfaced that the dollar must go lower if the United States is going to show continuing improvement in its trade deficit, the gap between the imports it consumes and the exports it is able to make and sell.

**Turnout**

Even if that is so, maintains John Connolly at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., "given the already substantial decline since early 1985, it may not entail that much movement from the current level."

"The specter of a free-fall, as developed in 1987, should be discounted. A really sharp drop in the dollar would make US industry too competitive."

"Since we are probably not all

that far from an equilibrium level, it should not be too difficult for the central banks to get us to that level without excessive turmoil."

Despite such assurance, the stock market remained on the defensive in the past week. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, which had fallen 78.77 points the week before, lost another 4.62 to 2,062.41.

The New York Stock Exchange Composite index fell 1.06 to 150.18; the Nasdaq Composite index for the over-the-counter market dropped 6.16 to 167.58, and the American Stock Exchange Market value index was down 4.81 to 286.67.

Volume on the Big Board averaged 136.08 million shares a day, against 138.62 million in the preceding week.

The Federal Reserve gave an indication on Thursday and yesterday that it believed the dollar had fallen far enough. The Fed and central banks of other industrialised countries intervened in

the foreign exchange markets to support the dollar, and the currency steadied.

Intervention of this kind has its limits as well as its uses. With all the massive resources at their disposal, many economists argue, the central banks of the world cannot change long-term trends in the marketplace.

For many sceptics to become believers in a dollar recovery, the dollar probably would have to turn in a steady showing on its own for at least a few days without government help.

If the dollar must go lower before that happens, some analysts argue, so be it.

Though a falling dollar does threaten to scare off foreign investors with their much-needed capital, these analysts say, it also might well yield some positive results.

"It would give yet another boost to our exports," asserted Yardeni. "The trade deficit would narrow at a faster pace."

Equities traders said bargain-

hunting opportunities were created after the market fell on Wednesday to the lowest level in more than two months.

"We've had some bottom-fishing in stocks," said William Raftery, a technical analyst with Smith Barney.

Another impetus for buying was a second day of concerted central bank intervention aimed at putting a floor beneath the dollar, brokers said.

The US currency rose to 1.7385 West German marks and 122.60 yen, compared with 1.7225 marks and 122.05 yen at Thursday's close in New York.

**Option**

In addition, the "double witching" expirations yesterday of the Standard Poor's 100 stock index option and futures contracts on major market indexes spurred demand late in the session, brokers said.

Such expirations have caused wide swings in the past, but trading was generally uneventful yesterday.

## Bush vows to complete economic team quickly

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Nov 19, (Reuters): President-elect George Bush on Friday vowed to complete his economic team soon and reached out to the political opposition by renewing his vow to work closely with both parties at the state level and in Congress.

Bush, who is due to take over from President Reagan on January 20, told reporters he would make his final economic policy appointments before moving on to other areas and his spokeswoman said announcements may come before next Thursday's Thanksgiving holiday.

"We're going to flesh out the economic side of the House and then start working on national security," Bush said.

His aides meanwhile tried to calm nervous financial markets by vowing to trim the US budget deficit.

Chief-of-Staff-designate John Sununu said on television the quick selection of advisers

should assure markets that Bush will provide strong leadership on cutting the budget deficit.

Bush sidestepped when asked if the post of defence secretary would go to former Texas Senator John Tower, a foreign policy adviser he met with on Thursday.

"I think events of the last few days show you the impossibility of making accurate predictions," Bush said in reference to his choice of John Sununu for a job many thought would go to Vice-Presidential Chief-of-Staff Craig Fuller.

**Support**

The vice-president travelled here to seek support from Democratic and Republican governors on the executive committee of the National Governors' Association and then returned to Washington for what he called a goodwill meeting with the Democratic Speaker of the House, Jim Wright.

"I want to tell the people what I mean when I said I want to

work closely with him and members of the House of Representatives no matter what side of the aisle they sit on," Bush said at the start of the session with Wright.

Wright, a bitter critic of the Reagan administration, said he planned to co-operate with the incoming president.

Bush spokeswoman Sheila Tate said there was a good chance the vice-president would name his choices to head the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) next week.

"I hope there will be some announcements before Thanksgiving, but I can't be certain. He's been talking in that mode," Tate said.

Former Deputy Treasury Secretary Richard Darman, a confidant of Secretary of State-designate James Baker, is generally expected to get the OMB job and Stanford University Professor Michael Boskin is the

likely choice for CEA.

Bush, who was accompanied here by Sununu, said he came to Charlottesville "to send an early signal to the governors and states of my interest in working with them."

He said he hoped his choice of Sununu, the outgoing Republican Governor of New Hampshire, sent a similar signal.

In return, he won a pledge of support from Democratic Gov. Gerald Baliles of Virginia, chairman of the governor's group.

"The vice-president asked for the governors' help and he'll get it," Baliles said after the close-down session.

Sununu and Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, who will retain his post under Bush, tried to reassure jittery financial markets that the new administration will act swiftly to cut the deficit and Baker met Secretary of State Shultz to arrange for the shift of power at the State Department.

"I think the world can feel comfortable that George Bush knows that strong leadership in dealing with the deficit is the first priority of this administration," Sununu said on ABC's Good Morning America.

"There is a little nervousness out there," he said. "It is a situation that requires a strong handling of management."

## US officials close ranks behind embattled dollar

WASHINGTON, Nov 19, (Reuters): Concerted central bank intervention and reassuring official comments have lowered the dollar's fall but do not represent any plan to tackle the US trade and budget deficits recouping world administration.

Reagan administration policymakers, closing ranks behind the US currency, said in a series of determined statements since the dollar fell following the election of President-elect George Bush on Nov 8 that it did not need to fall further.

Central banks from a number of countries bought dollars on Thursday and Friday in a co-ordinated operation that succeeded in hoisting the dollar on its 11-month low of 121.50.

**Position**

The public US position was reiterated on Friday by Federal Reserve Board vice-chairman Paul Volcker, who said: "Trade adjustment is taking place and continuing to improve exchange rate levels around the world."

Fed governors Wayne Angell and Edward Kelley made the time point and Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady also remains committed to dollar stability. Brady sent assistant Treasury Secretary David Mulford to

Paris on Monday to reassure officials who had gathered for an Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) meeting that Bush would continue to co-ordinate economic policies with America's allies, the officials said.

**Trend**

With the improving trend in trade still intact and the US economy growing strongly, Brady sees the dollar's recent decline as speculative, they said.

The government reported on Wednesday that the trade gap in September did indeed narrow to \$10.46 billion from \$12.27 billion in August.

But economists said the data also shows the pace of trade adjustment is slowing. Moreover, forecasting models run by the Fed, the International Monetary Fund and the OECD predict that the trade improvement will stall after 1989 on present policies.

Some Reagan administration policymakers admit privately that the dollar needed to fall further to ensure continued reductions in global trade imbalances. "It's probably going to go down further," said one official, not from the Treasury Department.

Charles Taylor, a Washington-based economist with

Prudential-Bache Securities, said the dollar needed to fall simply to maintain US competitiveness because America's inflation rate is higher than that of Japan and West Germany.

"In real terms, the dollar would be appreciating if you kept it at its existing nominal level," Taylor said.

A rise in the dollar would price US exports out of world markets and make imported goods cheaper. Robert Solomon, a former Fed official who is now a scholar at the Brookings Institution, said the Group of Seven industrial nations — the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada — should lower the dollar's target range by 10-15 per cent.

And to end speculation about how far the currency might be allowed to fall, the G-7 should make its decision public.

"It's the expectation of dollar depreciation that has the unfortunate impact on the bond and stock markets," Solomon said. House Speaker Jim Wright said Bush had no illusions about the problems posed by the deficit.

"He is prepared to do the serious things necessary to cope with them," the Texas Democrat said yesterday after a 90-minute lunch with Bush on Capitol Hill.

## Big fall in world coffee exports

LONDON, Nov 19, (AP): World coffee exports fell by 15 per cent in the marketing year ended Sept 30, putting them at their lowest level for five years, the International Coffee Organisation said on Wednesday.

A total of 62.24 million bags of coffee was exported in 1987-88 (October-September), compared with 73.06 million bags the previous year, the organisation said.

One bag weighs 132 pounds (60 kgs).

The two largest coffee producers, Brazil and Colombia, both registered particularly sharp declines, the organisation said.

Brazil exported 16.84 million bags in 1987-88, compared with 18.16 million in 1986-87, and Colombia exported 9.12 million bags, down from 12.05 million. Both countries exported less than their quotas allocated by the coffee organisation.

All other major Latin American countries also recorded lower exports, the organisation said.

These included Costa Rica's 1.95 million bags (vs 2.49 million in 1986-87), El Salvador's 1.88 million bags (vs 2.53 million), Guatemala's 2.22 million (vs 2.72 million), Honduras's 1.22 million (vs 1.40 million) and Mexico's 2.42 million (vs 3.84 million).

Indonesia's exports dropped to 4.44 million bags in 1987-88 from 5.04 million and Zaire's to 0.93 million from 2.03 million. Ugandan shipments were little

changed to 2.31 million bags from 2.33 million.

The Ivory Coast was one of the few producers to do better, with its exports rising to 3.59 million bags from 2.62 million in 1986-87.

The organisation gave no explanation for the drop in exports. However, analysts say import demand was lower than normal last year because they were still using beans stockpiled in the previous 12 months.

Meanwhile coffee producers yesterday gave their backing to Brazilian proposals aimed at tightening controls over exports under any new price-stabilisation agreement.

The proposals offered "positive remedies" to stamping out the current dual market for coffee, said the producers' Brazilian spokesman, Lindenberg Sette.

The proposals will be considered by consuming countries now attending negotiations at International Coffee Organisation (ICO) headquarters on the shape of a new International Coffee Agreement (ICA).

The present ICA — which allows exports to be regulated by quotas to keep the average world market price within an agreed band — expires September 1989. The United States and other key ICO consumers want any new price pact to contain effective measures to end the present two-tiered market under which they pay much more for beans than non-members like the Soviet Union.

## OPEC will consider cutting oil price to \$15

JAWAIT, Nov 19, (Reuters): OPEC will consider cutting its oil price to \$15 per barrel in the current \$18, the Kuwaiti news agency KUNA reported.

OPEC will study a proposal to set its official price of \$18 per barrel by \$3 for the next six months — the agency quoted senior oil sources as saying. Two committees of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting States (OPEC) began talks in Vienna on Thursday and a full ministerial meeting is due to start on Monday to discuss a pact to curb output and prices.

**Slumped**

World oil prices have slumped around \$10 per barrel. Analysts estimate OPEC output at 18.5 million barrels per day during the first two weeks of November, compared to an OPEC ceiling of 15.06

million excluding Iraq. Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah told reporters in Vienna yesterday that he could not care less if crude dropped as low as \$5 a barrel.

KUNA said countries submitting the \$15 proposal believed OPEC members would be more willing to abide by that price, which it described as more reasonable than \$18.

It quoted the Gulf oil sources as saying the new price would reflect conditions now prevailing in the market. OPEC could consider returning to an \$18 figure if market prices rose, KUNA said.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia issued a statement today reiterating its desire for an OPEC accord that would stabilise the oil market for 2-3 years.

The statement, carried by the official Saudi Press Agency, quoted an unidentified official as stressing that the kingdom would

follow any agreement by the oil ministers of the organisation as long as the other 12 OPEC members followed suit. "We repeat and affirm what the kingdom declared in more than one official statement that it is fully ready to abide by what will be decided in the Nov 21 meeting on condition that all members of the organisation abide by it fully and decisively, and that work continues with what is agreed upon for two or three years to achieve the kind of stability required by producers and consumers alike," said the statement.

**Attempts**

The official quoted said the statement was meant to discourage persistent attempts by the foreign media to make the kingdom the "scapegoat" for the deteriorating situation on the world oil market.

Saudi Arabia has reiterated

over the past year that it rejects the swing producer role and should not be asked to sacrifice oil revenue while other OPEC nations are not taking any steps to buoy oil prices.

As swing producer, the world's largest oil exporter lowered its output when other OPEC partners exceeded theirs to maintain the level required to defend the benchmark price.

**Price**

SPA's report noted Saudi Arabia has been forced to borrow this year to cover a projected 35.8-billion-riyal (\$9.5 billion) budget deficit, and that the kingdom's output has progressively dropped from a high of 10 million barrels per day to the present 4.3 million barrels per day.

OPEC member states have been cheating on their OPEC-prescribed quotas, helping create a glut on the world market and

pushing the price to about \$4 below the \$18 benchmark.

In face of this situation, Saudi Arabia in recent months began exceeding its own quota.

"The kingdom was not the one to start (violating OPEC policies), but was always keen to abide by decisions," the statement said. "And it is not just, or logical, that this situation continues at a time that the kingdom confronts a number of commitments in its 5-year development plans, internal projects, and toward foreign and national companies, forcing it to borrow to balance its annual budget as previously announced."

Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer is currently in Vienna where joint talks between OPEC's price-monitoring and long-term strategy committees began on Thursday ahead of Monday's full ministerial session.

## World Business Summary

### Jordan aims to cut 1989 trade deficit by one-third

AMMAN, Nov 19, (Reuters): The government predicts that its measures to curb imports will help to reduce Jordan's trade deficit by one-third in 1989, a minister was quoted today as saying. Faysal Al Tarawneh, minister of state at the prime minister's office, told the Arabic-language daily Al Dustour that he expected the projected 1988 deficit of \$1.2 billion would be cut by \$350 million next year. He said a one-year ban on the imports of some luxury goods, including cars and furniture, would slice \$200 million off the imports bill. Higher custom tariffs imposed two weeks ago on a number of imported goods were expected to reduce the value of such imports by \$50 million in 1989, he said. Tarawneh also predicted that the lower value of the dinar against major foreign currencies and export incentives would boost exports by \$100 million next year. The dinar has slid since the Central Bank began a managed floatation in mid-October, losing a fifth of its dollar value at the Central Bank rates and a third at free market rates. The Central Bank was selling the dollar at 464 fils today, higher than Thursday's rates of 461 fils, while moneychangers quoted it at 550 fils, almost equal to Thursday's price. There are 1,000 fils to the dinar.

### Governments urged to boost financial aid to Africa

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 19, (Reuters): The UN General Assembly urged governments yesterday to increase financial aid to Africa, whose economic woes remain critical despite a recovery programme launched by the world body two years ago. The programme called for an estimated \$9 billion a year from external sources through 1990 with the African nations responsible for \$82.5 billion for the period. Endorsing by consensus a report following a mid-term review of the programme, the General Assembly proposed that states allocate 0.7 per cent of gross domestic product to overseas development aid. It recommended that the African states concentrate recovery efforts on agriculture and supporting sectors, including investment in appropriate technology, research and development. Chief UN delegate Lieutenant General Vernon Walters said Africa was at the beginning of a reform process and it had further to go before some of the key determinants of growth were in place, such as a return of flight capital, mobilisation of domestic entrepreneurship and attracting foreign investors. The Reagan administration has been urging the African states to move away from excessive governmental involvement in the economy and to release greater private enterprise.



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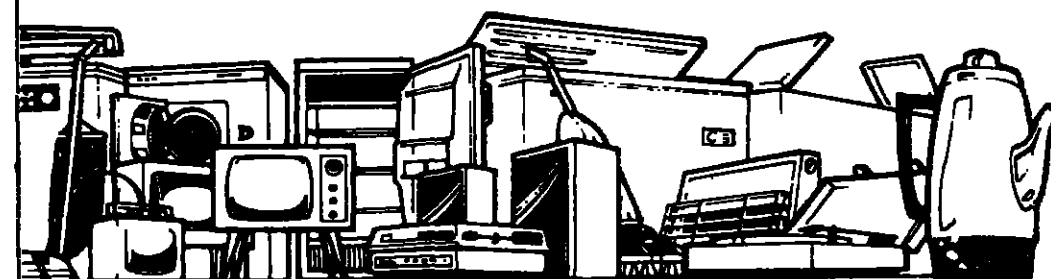
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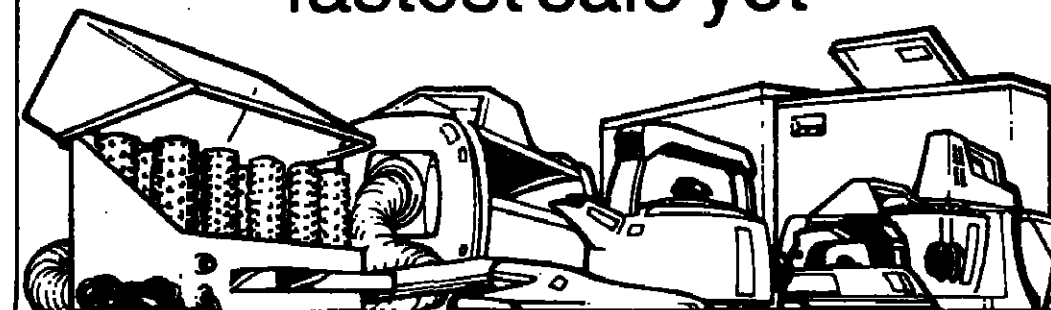
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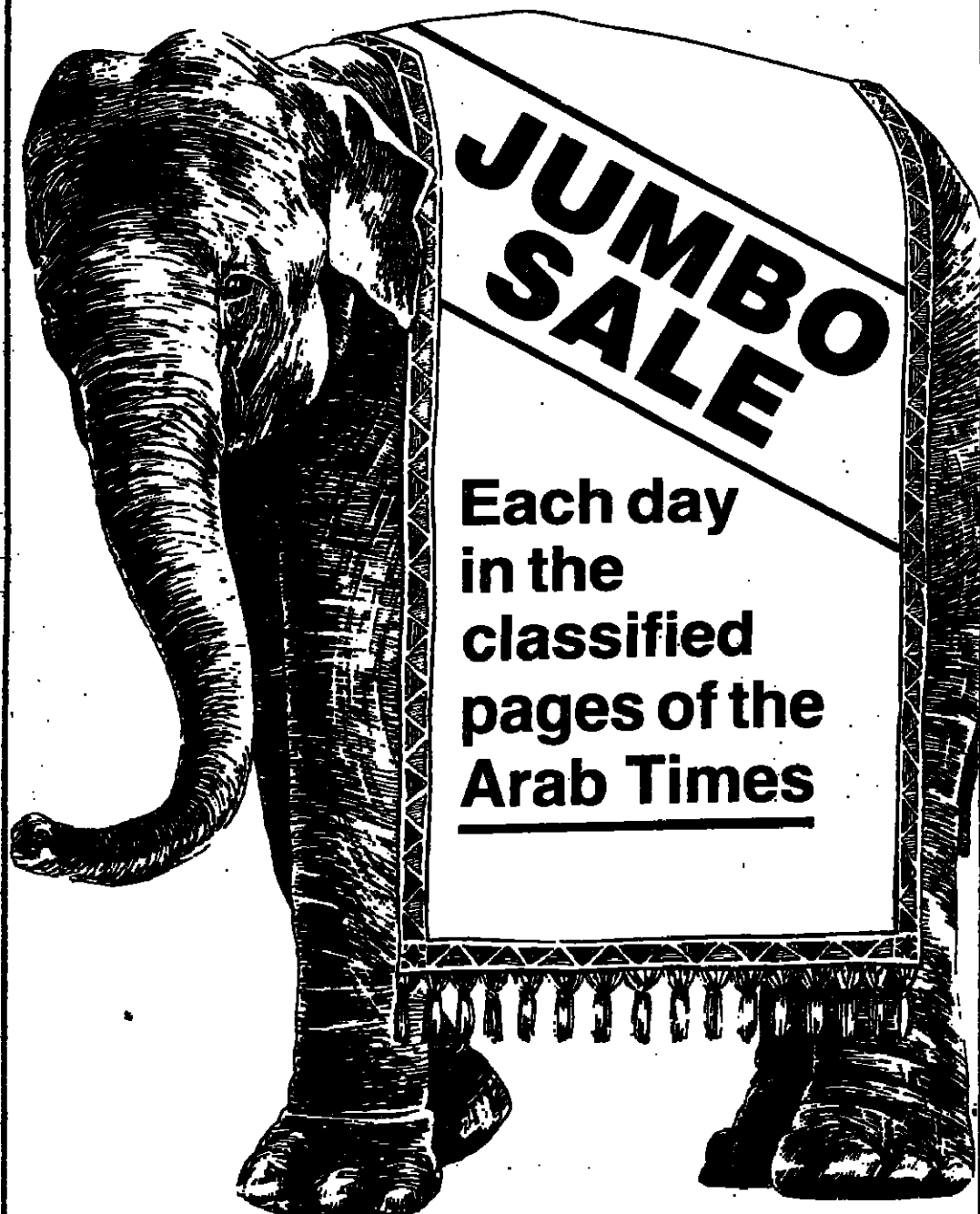


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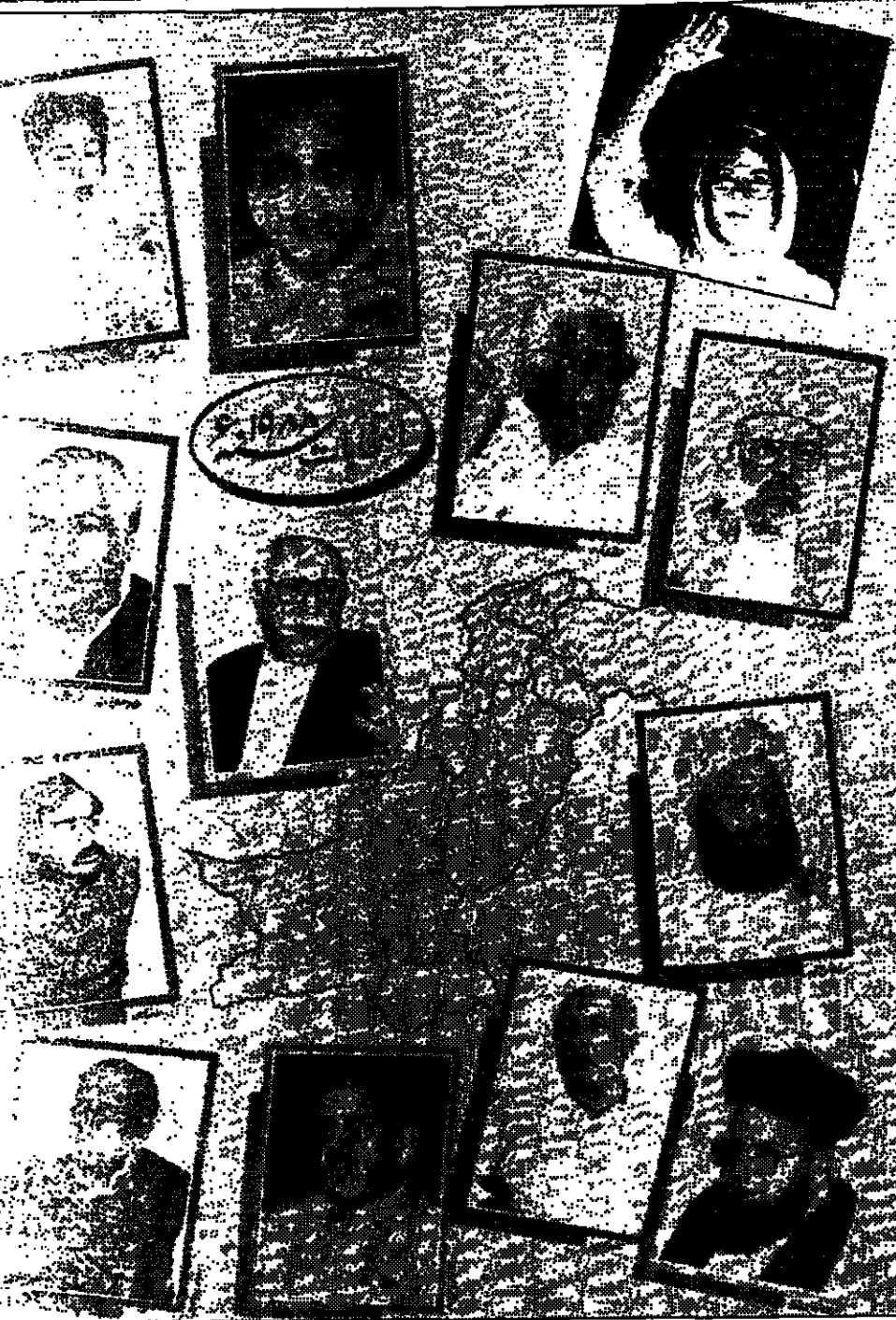
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## Allen and Jankowski triumph

The annual Kuwait Darts League TNT Skypak Mixed Doubles Tournament was held Thursday with 65 couples, more than double the entry of last year, taking part in the event. The Soweto Slingers/Avengeurs dominated the finals with one of their players taking part in the fourth player was a former member, now playing for the Middle Eastenders.

After seven hours of intense competition Keith Allen and Anne Jankowski beat Ian and Sue Thomas 2-0 to secure the Skypak Trophy.

Earlier in the evening this final seemed highly unlikely as Ian and Sue were throwing with their wrong hands. Luckily for them, and unluckily for their opponents, both Ian and Sue were in fine form as both girls led of winning doubles to keep their teams alive.

**Defeat**  
Stars of the early rounds were Ian and Julie Mitchelson who formed through their games 2-0 in time in a devastating manner. Almost as impressive were Ian Donovan and Sue Jaynes, whilst the five couples entered by Ian and Sue were in impressive form, but kept beating each other in the rounds progressed.

Last year's winners did not defend their title, as this time Ian Granowski partnered his wife Teresa. No glory this year, they lost a tense encounter with Erik and Inge, one of the tournament favourites, who turned, lost to John and Diane Morris in the third round.

Once the first round, which took 4 hours, was completed, Ian started to move more quickly, with all the best games in the later rounds. Brian and Julie, last year's runners-up, on their semifinal place defeating John and Sue, as Keith and zanne, in full stride by this time, beat Joe and Mary, before Ian and Julie to get into the final.

Meanwhile, the all Tanker Co. quarterfinal between Louise and Christine against Dave and Orna was won by the latter, who unfortunately found Ian and Jane at their best in the semifinal, and had to be content with joint third place, despite Lorraine's fighting 135 in the second leg.

Keith Allen had saved his best until last, and proved to be the decisive factor in the final match, himself and Suzanne showed themselves to be worthy winners of the night.

Along with main sponsors TNT Skypak the event was also sponsored by Seaman's Friend and Abdullah Al Mulla's Handbags, Fakhre's.

In the KBC Monday Darts League Bagwell went top with a 4-2 over Benidits, though Nightingale lost 2-0, which keeps Ban-Ladies joint top of their league. Cunniff Linguists and Tanker Co. drew as did Cottar Jose and Exiles.

Tanker Co. ladies stay tied on points at the top though, winning 1, as do Queens with a similar record against Dai-A-Straits. Not lucky Wallbangers, 4-2 losers straight As A Dai. 140's here.

Andy Wilson, John Donnan, Brian Pond, and Stuart Shorn, with three bulls for Lei horn.

**High**  
Acifists earned another point against Ragamuffins, and used both in the ladies game Ragabags. Four high scores for John Gowland.

In Wednesday Human Beans continued their recent movement beating Equalisers as Dorothy Carr followed up weeks 174 score with two ring trebles, also copied by the Jones and Beryl Lawson.

Wins also for Avengeurs and Ladies, to keep them joint as well as for Nibblers, Lady Sere, Filles and Shipwrecks. Two Slingers stay top in the thanks to a 6-0 at Menage Fois, where all their men led a 140 in the singles. 6-0 also for Bulls Hitters v Soarers and Shower of ers against the well behaved ckers, where Paul Couttiset ace with a 130 finish on the e ball.

## WEST INDIES BUILD BIG LEAD IN FIRST TEST

# Greenidge and Richards slam Australians

BRISBANE, Australia, Nov 19, (Reuters): Thunderous innings from Gordon Greenidge and Viv Richards piled on the agony for Australia on the second day of the first Test today.

Greenidge hammered 80 and Richards 68 while Richie Richardson contributed a more sedate 81 as the West Indies collected 327 runs on the day. At the close the tourists were 366 for seven wickets, a lead of 199.

Richards looked determined to mark his 100th Test and his 101st first century, majestically drilling 11 fours and one six. He rode his luck, being dropped in the slips and surviving two close lbw decisions.

**Ended**  
He eventually holed out to Craig McDermott on the square leg boundary off spinner Tim May, who ended with a creditable three for 90.

Greenidge took advantage of an abysmal display by pacemen Chris Matthews and Tony Dodemaide at the start of play. Left-arm Steve Waugh gave away five no balls and three wides in only four overs spraying the ball all over the Gabba ground and allowing Greenidge free rein. The West Indies total so far includes 45 extras.

May and McDermott, who



Greenidge hammers a ball from May for six. (Reuters wirephoto)

bowled with fire for little reward, put a stop to the run picnic but by then Australia had lost the initiative to Greenidge and Desmond Haynes, who posted a century partnership in 134 minutes. Medium-pace Steve Waugh raised Australian spirits in the first over after lunch, when West Indies were 135 for no wicket, dismissing Haynes for 40 thanks to a smart catch low down by wicketkeeper Ian Healy.

Then Greenidge, 21 runs later,

was robbed of his first Test century in Australia when he played on to a ball from May. He opened hit eight fours and two sixes.

Waugh put West Indies on the defensive for the first time in the match when he removed Carl Hooper for one to reduce the touring side to 162 for three.

Waugh greeted Richards with three bouncers. The great man then replied with two scoring drives for four.

But he was extremely lucky to



Richards watches the ball as it heads towards the boundary. (Reuters wirephoto)

survive a confident lbw appeal by Waugh shortly afterwards. Waugh completely fooled

Richards with a looping, slower ball which struck him on the shoulder as he stooped in front of

the wicket.

Richards' departure slowed the scoring rate and Allan Border pocketed his second catch of the day to remove Gus Logie for 19 shortly after the 300 had been raised.

Richardson, who played second fiddle to Richards for most of the afternoon, must have regretted his decision to play out the full 90 overs after the end of the official day's play.

Both he and Jeff Dujon were dismissed in the final few overs. Richardson after a 249-minute stay, lbw to Dodemaide.

### Scoreboard

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| AUSTRALIA first innings 167 (Wash four for 62)   |     |
| WEST INDIES first innings  |     |
| G. Greenidge b May   | 80  |
| D. Haynes c Healy b Waugh  | 40  |
| R. Richardson lbw b Dodemaide  | 81  |
| C. Hooper c Border b Waugh   | 1   |
| V. Richards c McDermott b May  | 68  |
| G. Logie c Border b May  | 19  |
| J. Dujon c May b McDermott   | 27  |
| M. Marshall not out  | 3   |
| C. Ambrose not out   | 2   |
| Extras (b-4 lb-3 nb-37 w-6)  | 45  |
| Total (for seven wickets)  | 366 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-135 2-156 3-162 4-270 5-307 6-359 7-361   |     |
| To bat — C. Walsh, P. Patterson.   |     |
| Bowling: McDermott 23-2-90-1 (nb-9), Matthews 21-3-62-0 (nb-5 w-3), Dodemaide 11-1-43-1 (w-1), May 20-5-90-3 (nb-4), Waugh 18-2-61-2 (nb-9), Border 1-0-0-0. |     |

## Olympic title counts most: Kerly

By Yakub Razzaque

BAHRAIN: Sean Kerly, the British Olympic hockey star, is currently visiting Bahrain for the first time with a group of sports celebrities.

In an exclusive interview with Arab Times, the brilliant English centre-forward spoke about his career. Kerly, who has been leading the attack of British hockey for several years, is a humble and unassuming young man. Modest about his sparkling performances on the field, the 28-year-old new hockey superstar attributed his team's success to a combination of team-work and hard training.

**Clinch**  
"I have been lucky really to have scored goals at the right time. Credit must go to the lads for making things work

upfront".

Kerly returned to Britain a hero after leading his team to victory against Australia in the final of the Olympic hockey in Seoul this year. His inspirational play and determination constantly ripped the heart of the defence of such formidable opponents as Australia and West Germany. His brilliant hat-trick against the Germans in the crucial semifinal did wonders to boost the morale of his side. It inspired his side to clinch the crowning glory — the Olympic hockey title.

"I believe the Olympic title is the one that counts most. It is the ultimate dream of every hockey player."

Britain was not given much chance of reaching the Olympic final let alone win it by most experts. At best it was expected to reach the quarterfinals judging by its recent international perfor-

mances. However, Kerly believed his team could do well.

"I really thought we could do it. I knew we were capable of causing some upsets."

Asked what made him take to hockey when the average British youngster opts for either football or cricket, Kerly felt he had a natural inclination towards the sport.

"I started off playing rugby and football as a lad. Then around 12 or 13 I tried my hand at hockey and just liked it. I found I was very good at it."

Kerly originally came from Kent and moved to Manchester, where he seriously pursued hockey. The rise to the top was not easy, as hockey did not enjoy the kind of popularity as football or cricket in Britain. Today hockey has taken off in a big way in Britain, thanks to Sean Kerly. After his triumph at the Olym-

pics he became an idol overnight to thousands of British kids.

Asked how he felt about his sudden rise to fame, Kerly shrugged with a gentle smile. "I'm really enjoying it. It's been great."

**Optimistic**  
Kerly hopes to launch a big campaign shortly to promote and encourage hockey among British schoolboys with the co-operation of the government. He feels optimistic about the growth of hockey in Britain as more sponsors are willing to invest in the sport.

The talented hockey star arrived in Bahrain on Thursday with a group of sports celebrities, including world snooker champion Steve Davis, and participated in a special sports day held at the Diplomat Hotel. The visit has been organised and sponsored by Cathay Pacific.

## Seeded players get into action at Kuwait Open

SEEDED players at the Kuwait Badminton Open get into action tonight with the top seeded Faiz Mohyuddin playing the winner of the J.S. Anand/R.L. Jain match at the Hubara courts in Ahmadi.

The tournament started last night with first-round matches in the men's singles and doubles. The mixed doubles event also starts tonight while the ladies singles and double matches are scheduled to start tomorrow.

All seeded players were given a bye into the second round. Tonight's matches:

**Men's Singles**  
7.00 pm — M.K. Thomas vs Mohammad Iqbal/or X. Sequiera, Siva Kumar vs M.G. Chacko or Bader Ali, S. Varghese vs T.M. Mathew or Thamdy Varghese.

7.30 pm — Louis Gonsalves or V. Sebastian or P. Cheriyan, R.D. Silva vs Ifukhar or William Soares, Mohan Uchariya vs Riaz Chaudhry or Chandy Mathai, George Joseph vs M. Das or Kafil Ahmad.

8.00 pm — Reji Joseph vs Masour Abdulla or P.I. Chacko, T.C. George vs P.K. Sathesh or B. Fernandez, K.S. Jose vs M.M. Joshi or V.C. Kochokhrishan, M. Al Zeer vs Bijoy Joseph or Sunil Kumar.

8.30 pm — T.S. Murugavel vs C.I. Mathew or P.I. Alenchery, Johnson Varghese vs Habib Hassan or P.K. Stephen, Thomas Koshi vs V. Kulamburath or Amos Abraham, A.M. Ghazi vs S.S. Achar or George Tharian.

9.00 pm — Faiz Mohyuddin vs J.S. Anand or R.L. Jain.

**Men's doubles**  
9.00 pm — R. Dickson and J. Taylor vs M. Abdulla and M.G. Chacko, P.K. Stephen & C.I. Mathew vs J. Kurian and Sunil Kumar.

9.30 pm — M. Uchariya and Habib Hassan vs A. Abraham and M.I. Iqbal, P.I. Chacko and P.K. Sathesh vs R. Sequiera and T. George, P. Koshi Jacob and B. Sharma vs D. Saxpal and M. Ahmad, C. Mithai and Reji Joseph vs Ifukhar and Kafil.

10.00 pm — K.S. Jose and J.S. Varghese vs M.M. Joshi and J.S. Anand, R.L. Jain and B. Fernandez vs Faiz Mohyuddin and M. Al Zeer, Riaz Chaudhry and Khaled vs A.M. Ghazi and S. Das, P.I. Alenchery and T.M. Mathew vs T.S. Murugavel and V. Sebastian.

In the only game of the mixed doubles, S. Das and L. Green meet B. Ali and H. Partridge in a first-round match. All the other mixed teams start their tournament in the second round tomorrow.

## BCC edge Awali for semifinals

BAHRAIN: Holders BCC defeated Awali by 34 runs in a thrilling encounter in the quarterfinal of the Sadiq Memorial Cricket Cup on Friday.

The champions were given a run for their money by a resilient and rejuvenated Awali side.

BCC batted first and piled up a comfortable 199 for 3 in 25 overs. Opener Shahid blasted an unbeaten 75 and was well supported by in-form skipper Khalid Masood who hit a typically entertaining 55.

Awali undaunted by the reputation of their formidable opponents put up a great challenge and nearly pulled off a memorable upset. They went for the runs confidently. Mahmud hit a solid 46, keeping up the pace. Imran Khan and Guy Paret kept up the chase with 34 and 23 runs respectively. But the champions kept a tight rein on their opponents with their bowling and restricted Awali to 165 for 7 wickets.

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Final score: BCC 194 for 3 wickets in 25 overs (Shahid 75 not out, Khalid Masood 55). Awali 165 for 7 wickets in 25 overs (Mahmud 46, Imran Khan 34, Guy Paret 23, Aziz 2 for 29).

In another quarterfinal tie Young Boys registered a crushing victory over a surprisingly out of touch Cosmopolitan side by a massive 113 runs. It was just not Cosmopolitan's day as they could not reproduce the winning form in the League. Navid was Young Boy's hero, cracking 71 runs in only 51 balls which included two 6's and four 4's. Mohsin Khan with 27 and Asim with 20 chipped in with useful knocks.

Final score: Young Boys 170 for 9 wickets in 25 overs (Navid 71, Mohsin Khan 27, Asim 20, Thiayaraja 3 for 34). Cosmopolitan 57 all out (Thiayaraja 15 not out, Pat Carew 14, Azmat 3 for 16, Farakh 2 for 18).

## China score easy victory over Taiwan

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Nov 19, (AP): China defeated Taiwan 7-1 in the first-ever hockey match between the two teams today at the hockey Asian zone intercontinental qualifying round in Ipoh.

However, both were already out of contention for the sole berth at stake, the national news agency Bernama reported from this city 200 kilometres north of Kuala Lumpur.

China lost its first two matches against South Korea 5-2 and Malaysia 6-1 and Taiwan completed the one-round League competition without any victories.

## LOCAL CRICKET

### New Pak brush aside Oxford

NEW Pak scored a 83-run victory over Oxford Cricket Club in a friendly match played at the Dasman ground on Friday.

New Pak elected to bat, after winning the toss, but suffered an early setback when they lost Haleem in the second over. Masood joined the other opener, Ifukhar, and both of them took the score to 43.

Masood retired hurt at this score, which put further pressure on New Pak and they started losing wickets at regular intervals.

Sohail (43) and Aslam (58) stemmed the rot, taking the score to 154 in 20 overs after whom Aslam, Hameed and Tariq pushed the total to 185 in 25 overs.

Faced with a target of over seven runs per over, Oxford ran into some accurate bowling from Sakhawat, Hameed, Mubashar and Sohail.

Sakhawat took three wickets for 19, Hameed three for 20 and Mubashar two for 36 as Oxford were all out for 102 in 19.2 overs. Sohail bowled extremely well, giving away only 14 runs in his five overs but was unlucky not to get a wicket.

## Britain crush Australia

DOUGLAS, Australia, 9, (Reuters): Britain blitzed Australia by sweeping all sixes on the second day today in their inaugural three-day Test with a day to spare.

British team, led reluctant world number three Sandy, won all three fourball matches in the morning and ended their achievement in afternoon foursomes to open an available lead of 9-1/2 to 2-1/2.

Left Australia to play just in time in tomorrow's six

singles. With a point at stake for each match, they cannot overhaul the Britons.

Not even north Queensland's energy-sapping tropical heat, which forced all players into borrowed shorts and socks in the afternoon, could halt the British roll.

"The UK have matchplay strength and no weak pairings," Australian captain Greg Norman, ranked two in the world, said.

"All six played well and putted well. We were outplayed. It's that simple."

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# Arsenal close gap on Norwich

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